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The RECORD *of the* Hampden-Sydney Alumni Association



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JONATHAN P. CUSHING, PRESIDENT OF HAMPDEN-SYDNEY 1821-1835

*Returned at last to the scene of his great work**(See Pages 4 and 10)*

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Alumni Reminiscences Should Be Recorded

Anyone delving around in the history of the college is faced with the fact that in the past fifty years very little has been published in the way of reminiscences which would enliven the immediate past or make figures now historical seem alive and real. Listen to a group of returning alumni and you will hear many a hilarious story of what happened on such and such occasion, or how so and so fooled Professor X, or how Professor X turned the tables on so and so. A few months ago several alumni of the first decade of the century were reminiscing, and out of these memories the listener could see how closely akin the undergraduates of 1904 were to their counterparts of 1954, and yet were at the same time far, far apart. After hearing such reminiscences, one discovers that cold names in a catalogued list become warm and living human beings. One remembers that this name was once a boy who was a poor speaker and had the good fortune to make a speech required for graduation at a time when the attention of the president was directed toward ejecting from McIlwaine Hall a misbehaving dog. Again at Commencement one was aware of the repetition among the alumni of stories which should be put in the archives of the college for future historians.

What should be done about these memories which will be lost if not recorded in some way? Perhaps the existence of the Hampden-Sydney room in the Library will inspire the alumni to send manuscript material to be filed there for future historians. Dr. Whiting's little book on the professors at Hampden-Sydney, 1877-1880, is an interesting account. Dr. Whiting's is a name frequently mentioned when alumni gather, and a book filled with tales of Dr. Whiting should be a best seller; yet none of these stories have ever been written down. The future will be the loser if the alumni do not write their college memories down.

—P. H. R.

Dr. Massey's Namesake

Supporters of President Eisenhower and the public in general have been interested in the church affiliation of the President of the United States. For friends of Hampden-Sydney, this has a special meaning.

Frequently appearing in the press, in news reels, and even in the *New Yorker* magazine has been the name of the minister of the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church of Augusta, Georgia, where the Eisenhowers worship during their stays in this southern state.

What few people may know is that the Reverend Massey Mott Heltzel, pastor of the Augusta Church, is a namesake of Hampden-Sydney's own beloved Dr. James Buckner Massey, former professor of Bible. During one of Dr. Massey's early pastorates in North Carolina, the father of the Reverend Mr. Heltzel was a convert to Christianity. Dr. Massey was instrumental in sending him to a conference in Nashville, Tennessee, where he came under the influence of John R. Mott. Subsequently when Mr. Heltzel's son was born, he was given the name of Massey Mott Heltzel.

So it is that the unconscious influence of a Godly life continues to be felt, even in the suggestion of a name honoring this humble and great man.

—X.

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Corrigendum

The article in the April, 1954, RECORD "How Hampden-Sydney Acquired An Oil Portrait of Dr. John Peter Mettauer" contained an error with regard to the legislative career of the Honorable Samuel D. Rodgers, '95. Mr. Rodgers served in the Virginia House of Delegates continuously from 1920 to 1948, when he voluntarily retired.

THE RECORD gladly makes this corrected statement and congratulates Mr. Rodgers on his long and valuable service in the General Assembly of Virginia.

President Cushing At Rest At Hampden-Sydney

One recalls what President Theodore Roosevelt remarked when it was proposed to bring back the body of his son, Quentin, killed in France in World War I to be reinterred in his own Country, "Let the tree lie where it fell." This is the view of many and seems most fitting, but there are cases where it seems eminently in order that the body be brought back and placed near the home and where the living person once dwelt. Such it seems to us is the case of President Jonathan P. Cushing, fifth President of the College, who only by chance died in Raleigh, North Carolina, on his journey South in search of health. He died within two days after his arrival there, where he had only stopped on his journey. He died where he was unknown and was buried in the cemetery in Raleigh among strangers. The Board of Trustees of Hampden-Sydney saw to it that a handsome stone on which was inscribed a noble tribute to him was placed over his tomb. In the passage of time the whereabouts of the grave was overlooked and forgotten, there being no friends or relatives in Raleigh who had ever known him to bear in mind his last resting place.

Dr. J. D. Eggleston, for many years President of Hampden-Sydney, noted Virginian historian and genealogist, then President Emeritus, sought to locate his grave and about two years ago called upon the Reverend Robert Bluford, Jr., Pastor of the Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, an alumnus of Hampden-Sydney, to see if he could not find the last resting place of this distinguished former president of the College. Mr. Bluford responded promptly and after considerable effort located the grave. Dr. Eggleston at once began the movement to bring the remains of President Cushing back to Hampden-Sydney to be reinterred in the College Church Cemetery. He spent much time in trying to locate President Cushing's relatives and began the necessary steps to carry out this much to be desired end. In this he had the fullest cooperation of Mr. Bluford and his wish was finally accomplished on the 25th of April, 1954, one hundred and nineteen years from the date of the death of President Cushing, where he was finally laid to rest in the College Cemetery, the ceremonies being conducted by President Gammon and Mr. Bluford. Mr. Bluford himself gave Dr. Eggleston full credit for his part in bringing about this laudable and appropriate action. It is worthy of note that prior to the administration of President Cushing all of the Presidents of the College had been Presbyterian ministers and graduates of the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University. President Cushing was the first layman and not a Presbyterian but a member of the Episcopal Church. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College. He first held a tutorship from 1817 until 1819, when he was made Professor of Natural Science and Chemistry. In 1821, at the age of 28, he became president, serving until 1835. He was, therefore, associated with the College for a period of eighteen years.

President Cushing was a New Englander having been born in Rochester, New Hampshire, and educated at Phillips Exeter and Dartmouth. After he had cast his lot in Virginia he became interested in the affairs of this State and did not confine his activities to the College

alone but his adopted State and its affairs aroused great interest in him. He was active in the founding in 1831 of what became the Virginia Historical Society and was at one time its Vice President. He was conspicuously a man of affairs and Dr. Richard McIlwaine, president of Hampden-Sydney from 1883 to 1904, often stated that President Cushing was the greatest president the College had ever had. His work at Hampden-Sydney was outstanding and he did much for the upbuilding of the College both academically and financially. It was he who constructed the new College building now named in his honor, "Cushing Hall," a building which the late John B. Henneman, Professor of English at Hampden-Sydney from 1889 to 1893 was wont to speak of as a "noble structure." This building is perhaps the most striking one on the campus and is in full use today.

President Cushing, as was not unusual in his day, was an active member of the teaching faculty as Professor of Natural Science and Chemistry.

Nothing could be more appropriate than that his last resting place should be at the College where his great work was done and for which he achieved so much. The same slab which rested upon his tomb at Raleigh marks his final resting place in the College Church Cemetery today. As was so well stated in the press, "A journey begun one hundred and nineteen years ago was at last completed."

—R. K. B.



The United States Supreme Court Decision to Abolish Segregation in the Public Schools

The holding by the United States Supreme Court in the opinion written by Chief Justice Warren, handed down on May 17th last, that segregation of the races in the public schools is unconstitutional, though not wholly unexpected, was far more sweeping than had been anticipated—the decision being unanimous. It was complete reversal of the holding of the Court in 1896 in the famous case of *Plessy vs. Ferguson*. That case was dealing specifically with public transportation in which the court upheld the Louisiana Railway segregation law requiring separation of the races in railway trains, and establishing the principle of separate but equal facilities. Then in the case of *Gong Lum vs. Rice* decided in 1926, thirty years later, segregation of the races in the public schools—that being the question under consideration—was upheld by a unanimous court, the opinion being written by Chief Justice Taft. In both the *Plessy vs. Ferguson* case and that of *Gong Lum vs. Rice* the court stated that the separation of the races was not in conflict with the Fourteenth Amendment, but a valid exercise of legislative power by the State. Since then the principle has been accepted and affirmed in a number of decisions of the United States Supreme Court. No difference can be seen in principle between separation of the races where public transportation was before the Court and where public education was involved. But the Supreme Court in the opinion handed down by Chief Justice Warren, without pointing out any difference, held that in public education the doctrine of "separate but equal" had no place. All the arguments against segregation were based on the Fourteenth Amend-

ment, which in the cases already decided was held not to have been violated.

It is difficult to comprehend what induced the court to make such a complete reversal; it apparently left the law out of account and swept out of the window the rule of *Stare decisis*. The court by this decision overturned the law which had been in operation for more than fifty years.

There are those seeking to understand what motivated the court who say that political consideration had its effect, and others that it was hoped that the propaganda spread by the Kremlin that while the United States proclaimed itself a democracy, it was denying the Negro his rights and discriminating against him might be silenced. This may be true, but if so, was a form of appeasement, and we believe futile. Any propaganda which would cause injury to this country would be used by the Kremlin, and even if the Court had thought it had removed this ground supporting this charge, it would make no difference, and Moscow would continue to spread the same propaganda. Truth is the word unknown in the Communist philosophy and apparently no such word will be found in the Russian vocabulary.

The effect of this decision would be to bring about a complete change in the social and economic conditions in the entire South and in other states where there were Negroes in considerable numbers. When the number is inconsiderable there is no serious problem, but in many states the Negro population is equal or nearly so to that of the whites. Not only is this true but in many counties in Virginia the Negro population is in the ratio of 4 to 1 to the white, and in schools population even larger. For example, here in Prince Edward County where the Negro population is about 46 per cent, the Negro school population is close to 56 per cent.

Moreover, the Southern states accepted the separate but equal doctrine, have worked to provide equal facilities for the Negro as the demand and need increased and are meeting the situation as rapidly as they can finance the building program. In our own county in September last, there was completed, equipped and opened to the Negro the splendid R. R. Moton High School which perhaps cost more than all the white schools in the County combined and is far superior in every particular to what has been provided for the whites.

In an honest effort to provide separate but equal facilities and finance the building program, large bond issues have been required. It might be said we have been slow in bringing this about. However, it must be remembered that only in recent years has the economic condition of the south been such that even a fair standard in educational facilities in public schools could be provided for either race, and much yet remains to be done.

After all, aside from stating an abstract principle, as we see it, no practical benefit is brought to either race. It is difficult to see how the Negro child will be benefited and it is obvious that no gain will come for the white. So far from removing from the Negro child any feeling of inferiority, as we view it, it will tend to accentuate that feeling. And in the Plessy case the court states that the separation of the races implies no inferiority to either race. The effect of the decision of May 17 last is to force the races into the same schools, whether they like it or not.

So radical a change cannot fail to have its impact on private institutions like Hampden-Sydney. It was felt that so far as these institutions were concerned there would be no suggestion of admitting Negroes. But the position taken by the Churches is difficult to comprehend—some going so far as to recommend governing bodies of the schools under their control to throw open their doors to Negroes. This would bring about a more serious condition in these private institutions than would occur in the public schools. A college like Hampden-Sydney, should this recommendation be made and adopted—though this is unlikely—would cease to exist as we know it, and has been known and loved for nearly two centuries.

The people of this state wish to see the Negro advance and prosper, nor do they desire to withhold from him the means of such advancement and would afford him every opportunity; but they firmly believe that segregation in our schools is best for both races.

The court though unanimous in its opinion, realized the serious implications and difficulties which would result from its decision and, therefore, kept the suit on the docket and will not enter its decree until it has heard from the attorneys general of the different states affected as to when and in what way integration in the public schools may be brought about. The court could so readily and properly have followed the law which has been in existence more than fifty years, and dismissed the appeals in these segregation cases, declaring that the matter of public education should be left to the individual states.

The people of the south are "confronted by a fact and not by a theory," and if any means within the law can be found by which the separation of the races in the public schools can be continued, such a means will be employed.

—R. K. S.



Professor Bittinger Leaves

Professor M. H. Bittinger, Head of the Department of Economics, after fourteen years of conscientious and efficient service, decided at the end of the session just completed to accept a position in the History Department of Longwood College and will begin his work at that institution this coming September. Professor Bittinger is recognized as a teacher of exceptional ability and as a lecturer both interesting and effective. He is also a ready and pleasing speaker.

In addition he was active in promoting the interest of the college wherever and whenever he felt he could be of use. Hampden-Sydney, his own alma mater as well as that of his father, the late Reverend J. B. Bittinger, D.D. of the Class of 1883 and of his three brothers, Samuel M. Bittinger, '17, Reverend J. B. Bittinger, Jr., '21, and Dr. Charles L. Bittinger, '28, has always been held by him with deep affection. His great value to the college as a contact man was recently commented on by a member of the Board of Trustees, especially mentioning how effective he was in interesting prospective students when he visited high schools and other preparatory institutions and through his presentation of the cause of the college, influenced a large number of them to enter Hampden-Sydney. He was also ever ready to greet and welcome returning alumni and other friends of the college. He and Mrs. Bittinger were greatly interested in the students, their welfare and activities, and did more

in entertaining them individually and in groups at their hospitable home, "Estcourt," than any member of the faculty since the days of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Whiting. They were likewise always ready to entertain alumni and friends of the college—the doors of their hospitable home being always open.

Mrs. Bittinger, a most attractive and cultured lady, came here as a stranger, but rapidly adapted herself to her new surroundings and the life of the community and took her place in its life and activities, and from the beginning it was her genuine pleasure to do her part and more.

The departure of Professor Bittinger and Mrs. Bittinger means a distinct loss to the college, not easy to measure. His decision to leave Hampden-Sydney and go to our sister institution in Farmville fills his friends and the friends of Mrs. Bittinger with regret. No community had better neighbors, always ready to respond to any call no matter the inconvenience it might occasion them. It is, of course, a satisfaction to their friends that they will be no farther away than Farmville so that the opportunity to see them frequently is at hand.

We wish for Professor Bittinger and Mrs. Bittinger at Longwood a life of success and happiness. The great cordiality with which they have been received in Farmville promises this wish will be fulfilled. At the same time our congratulations to Longwood College are extended.

—R. K. B.



Of Times Past

H-S STUDENTS OF 1860-64 FREQUENT VISITORS TO FARMVILLE HOSTELRY

Among the interesting exhibits of the Prince Edward County Bicentennial has been an old register book of the Randolph House (now the Prince Edward Hotel) in Farmville, covering the years 1860-64.

The names of Hampden-Sydney students appear therein quite frequently. Seemingly the trip from the college to the neighboring town was made almost as readily in those motorless days as now.

Mrs. Anne Atkinson-Chamberlayne of Gravel Hill, Charlotte County, long a friend and a sometime resident of Hampden-Sydney, has copied out all the names of Hampden-Sydney men appearing in the register, which was made available through the courtesy of Reed T. Hubbard of Farmville.

On January 29, 1861, Dr. Atkinson (*sic*) and Horse are registered. These are presumably Dr. John M. P. Atkinson, president of Hampden-Sydney at the time, and the president's horse. On March 4, 1861, Dr. Dabney and Horse are registered from Union Theological Seminary. This would be the redoubtable theologian and later chief of staff for Stonewall Jackson, R. L. Dabney. He is back again on June 10, 1863, paying two dollars for Room 18. No mention of a horse.

On April 13, 1861, C. Scott and D. J. McRaven are registered from "Hamden Sidney." Apparently the spelling of the first half of the double name was as troublesome then as now.

Virginia seceded from the Union on April 17, 1861, following Abraham Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers. A military company was immediately formed at Hampden-Sydney under the captaincy of President Atkinson. On April 19, the names of nine students appear on the Randolph House register, proudly listing themselves as "Hampden-Sidney Boys," the name chosen by the company.

The names of the nine, their years at the college, and their subsequent careers when known are as follows:

J. A. Shepperson, 1860-62; C. S. A.; merchant; died in Columbus, Arkansas, about 1901.

A. Whitlock Hoge, 1858-61; C. S. A.; killed in battle.

W. W. Page, 1858-62; Sergeant in Hampden-Sidney Boys, later Captain, C. S. A., and subsequently Episcopal minister at Cornwall, N. Y.

S. O. Jones, 1860-61; C. S. A.

W. E. Goode, 1860-61; died in Tampa, Florida.

H. C. Townes, 1859-62; C. S. A.; lawyer; Tennessee Senate; died in Huntington, Tennessee, September 11, 1896.

B. Ford, 1859-63; C. S. A.; County Treasurer; Cartersville, Virginia.

H. B. Walker, 1858-61; C. S. A.

William A. Miller, 1857-61 (?).

Further entries of Hampden-Sidney Boys appear throughout April and May. The last entry is that of T. M. McCorkle, 3rd Lieutenant of the Hampden-Sidney Boys, occupying Room 10 on May 26. Two weeks later the company took part in the Confederate defeat at Rich Mountain. On June 11 they, along with Captain Atkinson, were forced to surrender, but were soon paroled. It is a pleasure to find the name of H. C. Townes back on the Randolph House register on October 17, and T. M. McCorkle there for tea on October 26. But now, sadly, they are registered as from Hampden-Sidney College, not as Hampden-Sidney Boys.

—G. H. T.



H-S Freshman Places High In Chemistry Contest

Hampden-Sydney placed second among Virginia colleges in the Experimental Achievement Award Examinations conducted by the Chemical Rubber Company of Cleveland, Ohio. Hampden-Sydney was represented by Frank Moore, '57, of Norfolk.

The contest was an experimental one limited to two states—Virginia and Ohio. Participants were outstanding students in freshman chemistry, one from each college.

The Chemical Rubber Company gave a copy of its *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics* to all those taking part. Through the courtesy of Dr. T. H. Pearson of the Hampden-Sydney Department of Chemistry, Joseph B. Warriner of Farmville, Virginia, who ranked well up with Mr. Moore in the first-year chemistry course, also received a copy of the handbook.

The President's Page



DEAR ALUMNUS:

The one hundred and seventy-eighth session ended officially on June the seventh. The closing exercises were of an unusually high order. The sermon by Dr. J. T. Thompson and the address by President Francis P. Gaines were greatly enjoyed by large and appreciative audiences. Mr. and Mrs. George L. Walker and Mrs. Florence Robertson made the Sunday evening music hour a most delightful one.

Immediately following the graduating exercises the portrait of Dr. James Buckner Massey was unveiled. It was the gift of the class of 1953.

Lunch on the lawn in front of Venable brought an hour of genuine pleasure to graduates, parents, friends, and alumni. Of special interest was the presence of six men from the class of nineteen four and two from the class of eighteen ninety-four.

The Exercises of the day came to a close with the annual meeting of the General Alumni Association. Joe Gillespie was re-elected President and Bob Bugg, Vice President.

It is good to report that the College was able to operate again without a deficit. To this end the Alumni Fund was of real benefit.

The enrollment for the coming session is considerably ahead of what it was at this time last year. We are limited to 325 mainly because of the lack of boarding facilities. At the present rate, the College will not be able to accept many more applications.

Recently, President Griswold Yale wrote that "the purpose of the liberal arts is . . . to awaken and develop intellectual and spiritual values in the individual before he enters upon his career, so that he may bring to that career the greatest possible assets of intelligence, resourcefulness, judgment, and character."

Concerning this statement, the following quotation is taken from leaflet number two of the Council For Finan-

cial Aid to Education: "Colleges dedicated to this purpose have served the nation well, whether they have remained independent colleges—like Williams in the East, Wabash in the Mid-West, Reed on the Pacific Coast, and Hampden-Sydney in the South, or have become the nucleus of a great University, like Columbia College and the 'Lit School' at the University of Michigan."

When Hampden-Sydney was founded this quotation regarding its purpose was made—"to form good men and good citizens." For 178 years this effort has gone on with marked success.

Homecoming is early this year—the second of October. We hope you will make your plans to come.

Very sincerely,
EDGAR G. GAMMON, *President*



Our Alumni Fund

The Alumni Fund has just closed its fourteenth year. During this period the contributions have amounted to the splendid sum of \$451,374.58; the average number of contributors to 1,000.

AN APPRECIATION

To those of the Alumni who have made such a result possible the College has no adequate way to express the appreciation so deeply felt. The contributors have given much more than money. By their gifts they have also brought great encouragement.

For several years fifty per cent of the liberal arts colleges of the nation have been unable to operate without a deficit. One of the main reasons why Hampden-Sydney is not in this group is the Alumni Fund.

Men deserving special gratitude are the Class Managers. Without them the success of the Fund could never have been attained.

It is stimulating to note the fine response of the younger alumni. A good proportion of recent graduates are already making their annual gifts.

A PLEA

There are approximately three thousand of the Alumni who are not yet responding. The fact has to be faced that some of this number are simply not interested. On the other hand, the large majority of them are interested and devoted to the College. They simply haven't yet carried out their intention to help, or they may feel that their gifts would be too small to make any difference. As far as Hampden-Sydney is concerned there are no small gifts. To the College, every gift, regardless of the amount, is an expression of loyalty without which Hampden-Sydney could not function. Indeed, there is a pride in the fact that the gifts to the Fund range from one dollar to several thousand.

What has been of unusual help in the Alumni Fund is the fact that so many gifts are undesignated. This means more in the vital matter of living endowment—an increasing need of the College.

Despite the fact that we are still without an Executive Secretary, the heavy office work is most admirably conducted by Mrs. Marjorie Cleghorn assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Elliott.

The One Hundred and Seventy-Eighth Commencement

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY



(PHOTO BY GEORGE GILMER)

Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson, '14, speaker of the morning (right), with President Edgar G. Gammon (center) and the Rev. William B. Rogers, pastor of College Church



The Commencement Address

Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, president of Washington and Lee University and a welcome as well as familiar figure on the Hampden-Sydney campus, delivered the commencement address on Monday morning, June 7. A large crowd which filled Johns Auditorium had gathered for the occasion.

In his preliminary remarks, Dr. Gaines paid tribute to Hampden-Sydney, which in proportion to its size, he said, had been as influential as any school in the country.

He spoke to the graduates concerning the dynamic of the dream: "the dream to excel seems to be in every human heart." Dreams can be a driving force. There should be no discouragement, however, when dreams fail to materialize. George Washington's dream, to be a farmer, was long deferred while he made his great contributions as general and statesman. Robert E. Lee's dream was defeated, but out of the defeat came victory.

Dr. Gaines went on to show the importance of a sense of obligation, and of the capacity to sacrifice self-interest for an abstract ideal.

The Baccalaureate Sermon

The baccalaureate sermon was preached in College Church June 6 by Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson, '14, professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond.

In 1914, Dr. Thompson, then a member of the graduating class, heard the baccalaureate sermon preached by his father, Dr. Ernest Thompson of Charleston, West Virginia. On this occasion he was delivering the baccalaureate sermon with his own son as one of the graduating seniors.

Dr. Thompson's sermon, "Love—with Knowledge," was based on a text from Philippians 1:9: "It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment."

A condensation of the sermon follows:

We will all agree that knowledge without love is insufficient . . . Knowledge itself is morally neutral. It can be used to bless mankind or to curse them; to build civilization or to destroy it . . .

Knowledge must be supplemented by love, if civilization is to endure. But we sometimes forget that the reverse is also true—that love must be directed by knowledge. This is the particular truth emphasized by Paul. "It is my prayer," he writes, "that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment" . . .

People generally need to be convinced that we cannot build a better world without better individuals; that knowledge without love is insufficient. We who are Christian need to recognize that it is not enough to wish men well, not enough to seek to do them good, that love, even Christian love, may be futile and even dangerous, if it is not love according to knowledge . . .

The ignorance of Christian people is due in part to the difficulty and complexity of the problems that confront us. No man is wise enough to know the solution for the problems that press on our modern world. No prophet has yet arisen who is able to tell us how to solve the race problem in the South, or the problem between capital and labor, or the problems of war and peace. They are problems whose solution must be discovered through democratic discussion. We must make our way through an uncharted sea, choosing among a multitude of guides, distinguishing as best we can between fact and fancy, mendacity and veracity, partial truth and partial error; forced to choose often not between right and wrong, but between bad and worse and worst, or between the good and the better and the best.

But the difficulties in the way must not deter us from the quest. If we are to play our part in the making of a better world we must have love or good will for all mankind. But we must also recognize the need of knowledge and discernment. Parents must train their children, educators must teach their students, ministers must urge their people, each of us must persuade his neighbor to hunt facts, to sift facts, to be willing to face the facts whether they are pleasant or unpleasant, to reexamine their prejudices in the light of the facts and in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to work as well as pray that our love may abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment . . .

This is my prayer for you men who are about to graduate from Hampden-Sydney. It is the prayer, I am sure, of your parents and of your instructors. It is what we have a right to expect from men who graduate from this or any other Christian college. It is what we have a right to expect from all men who go out into the world with trained minds committed to the Christian way of life.

"It is our prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment." God grant that Paul's prayer may be your prayer, too.

COMMENCEMENT LUMINARIES



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LEFT TO RIGHT: *Dr. Frank S. Johns, '08, President of the Board of Trustees; Alfred Blalock, Johns Hopkins Medical School, Doctor of Laws; Francis Pendleton Gaines, President of Washington and Lee, Doctor of Laws; Dr. Edgar G. Gammon, '05, President of Hampden-Sydney*

Honorary Degrees

Two honorary degrees were conferred by President Gammon, as follows:

ALFRED BLALOCK, graduate of the University of Georgia with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and of the Johns Hopkins Medical School with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Physician, lecturer, author, skilled surgeon of international fame, I now confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws of Hampden-Sydney College.

FRANCIS PENDLETON GAINES, graduate of Wake Forest College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, of the University of Chicago with the degree of Master of Arts, and of Columbia University with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Teacher, orator, college president, author, educational statesman, I now confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws of Hampden-Sydney College.



The Graduating Class

Seniors receiving academic degrees numbered forty-nine. Of these, eighteen were Bachelors of Arts, thirty-one Bachelors of Science.

The valedictory address was given by Thomas Joseph Ferrell, Jr., of Waycross, Georgia.

Rives Sebrell Hardy of Blackstone, Virginia, received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion for excellence of character and generous service to his fellows. James Jackson Stokes of Kenbridge, Virginia, was awarded the Gammon cup in recognition of character, scholarship, and athletic ability.

The roster of graduates follows:

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bowers, Ben James.....Baskerville, Va.
Cook, Dilworth Stroud, Jr.....Norfolk, Va.
Divers, Douglas Shelburne, Jr.....Pulaski, Va.
Hardy, Rives Sebrell.....Blackstone, Va.
Hoke, Harry Franklin, Jr.....Emporia, Va.
cum laude



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THOMAS J. FERRELL, JR., VALEDICTORIAN

Lucey, Gordon Macaulay.....Leonia, N. J.
Melton, James Carroll, II.....Norfolk, Va.
Moir, Virgil Pearson, III.....Roanoke, Va.
magna cum laude

Oliver, John Penn.....Big Island, Va.
Pauley, William Everett, Jr.....Charleston, W. Va.
Pillow, George Ellis, Jr.....Franklin, Va.
Rosenbaum, Robert Francis.....Roanoke, Va.
Slaydon, James Irving, Jr.....Hollins College, Va.
cum laude

Taylor, Meadie Alexander, III.....Emporia, Va.
Thompson, Ernest Trice, Jr.....Richmond, Va.
cum laude

Wallace, Karl Kenneth, Jr.....Norfolk, Va.
Willis, Jere Malcolm Harris, Jr.....Fredericksburg, Va.
Wynne, Howard Allen, Jr.....Warrenton, N. C.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Bones, Joseph Thomas.....Pulaski, Va.
magna cum laude

Childers, Melvin Davis, Jr.....Roanoke, Va.
Crandall, Richard Matthews.....Malden, W. Va.
Cross, John Armstrong, Jr.....Salem, Va.
magna cum laude

Dodson, William Smith.....Blairs, Va.
Duran, Vincent Lawrence.....Petersburg, Va.
Ferrell, Thomas Joseph, Jr.....Waycross, Ga.
Summa cum laude, First Honor

Furr, Carter Branham Snow.....Norfolk, Va.
magna cum laude

Gillespie, Joseph Stras, Jr.....Tazewell, Va.
magna cum laude

Hamilton, Howard Merton, Jr.....Roanoke, Va.
Hawkins, Miller Campbell.....Richmond, Va.
Hughes, Mirabeau Lamar Thomas, Jr.....Danville, Va.
Humphrey, Robert Douglas, Jr.....Rural Retreat, Va.
Kolmer, George August Leonard, Jr.....Salem, Va.
magna cum laude

Litchfield, David Lee.....Norfolk, Va.
magna cum laude

Miller, John Milton, Jr.	Beckley, W. Va.
	cum laude
Plank, William Holt	Washington, D. C.
Robertson, Edward Stewart	Richmond, Va.
Robinson, Fred Daniel	Hampton, Va.
	cum laude
Sanders, Romulus Minter, Jr.	White Stone, Va.
Snead, William Irvin	Richmond, Va.
Stokes, James Jackson	Kenbridge, Va.
	magna cum laude
Tester, Richard Dean	Pulaski, Va.
Trapnell, William Holmes, Jr.	Richmond, Va.
	magna cum laude
Tucker, Henry Joseph, Jr.	Halifax, Va.
White, Joseph William	Richlands, Va.
	cum laude
Wilkerson, Robert Galen	Whitesville, W. Va.
Williams, George Machir	Moorefield, W. Va.
	magna cum laude
Wood, Ballard Preston	Salem, Va.
Young, William Pharo Wiltsce	Roanoke, Va.
	Summa cum laude, Second Honor
Zehmer, Adrian Ford	McKenney, Va.



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JAMES J. STOKES, '54, AND RIVES S. HARDY, '54

The Gammon Cup, the Sullivan Medallion

The Sunday Evening Music Hour

A goodly crowd attended the traditional Sunday Evening Music Hour in Johns Auditorium. The performers were three skilled musicians, familiar figures at Hampden-Sydney: George L. Walker, Jr., '37, bass; Mrs. George L. Walker, soprano; and Florence Richardson Robertson, pianist, all of Richmond. Each number was introduced by helpful comments, with a pleasant, easy atmosphere pervading all.

The program:

I

Blessed Redeemer.....J. S. Bach
All Beautiful the March of Days.....English Air
And Did My Saviour Weep.....arr. Louise McAllister
I Will Sing Thee Songs of Gladness.....Dvorak
Pilgrim's Song.....Tchaikowsky
George Walker, Jr.

II

Etude—"Eroica".....Liszt
Grand Polonaise Brillante.....Chopin
Florence Robertson

III

Linden Lea.....arr. Vaughan Williams
Two Elizabethan Songs
I Saw My Lady Weep.....John Dowland
The Self-Banished.....John Blow
In the Silence of Night.....Rachmaninoff
When Childher Plays.....Walford Davies
To You.....Richard Strauss
Helen Walker

IV

O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly.....J. S. Bach
Mr. and Mrs. Walker



The Iron Worker Features Hampden-Sydney College

A thirteen-page article on Hampden-Sydney was the featured article in the winter issue of *The Iron Worker*, published by the Lynchburg Foundry Company. The article, entitled "A School as Old as the Nation," was by Philip Ropp, '30, professor of English at Hampden-Sydney. In it he traces with care but most readably the progress and history of the College from its inception to the ever-continuing present. Dr. Ropp concludes:

"The motto of the Hampden family, emblazoned on its coat of arms, was 'Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum'—'No steps backward.' Hampden-Sydney has never adopted this motto as her own officially but the motto expresses something of the aim of the college, and Hampden-Sydney, proud of her past, lives not in it, but in the present."

The article is lavishly illustrated with photographs, while the front and back covers feature handsome pictures in full color of the Library and of Bagby Hall.

The Lynchburg Foundry Company has already in other ways shown its firm belief in the validity and importance of liberal education as offered by private educational institutions. It has been one of the prime contributors to the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges, which in the past year has raised \$100,000 for distribution among Hampden-Sydney and eleven other Virginia colleges (see THE RECORD, January, 1954).

The College and its alumni are indeed grateful to the Lynchburg Foundry Company and to M. C. Elcan, Jr., editor of *The Iron Worker*, for this latest manifestation of their interest in fostering the educational ideals which prevail at Hampden-Sydney.

Portrait of Dr. Massey Presented to College



(PHOTO BY GEORGE GILMER)

DR. JAMES BUCKNER MASSEY, 1879-1952
The beloved professor

An impressive part of the exercises of Monday morning was the presentation of a portrait of the late Dr. James Buckner Massey, professor of Bible at Hampden-Sydney from 1919 until his death in 1952. The picture was commissioned by the class of 1953 and painted by David Silvette of Richmond. James Buckner Massey III, grandson of Dr. Massey, unveiled the portrait.

President Gammon, in speaking of the revered teacher, said in part:

Dr. Massey was pre-eminently a preacher. While thoroughly grounded in his divinity course, especially in theology, he yet preached with such clearness, simplicity, and force that his sermons were highly effective on all who sat under his ministry. Broad in his understanding and sympathy, he was equally successful as a pastor. He preached until his dying day.

As a teacher he was equally impressive. Indeed, it is possible that in this capacity he reached his fullest stature, certainly his greatest influence. He came to teach the Bible in such a way that his students not only gained a new knowledge of the subject but also a realization of its value in every phase of life. He made his course one of the strongest and most influential in the entire curriculum.

What made Dr. Massey so effective as a teacher was in large measure due to the fact that he threw his own full Christian personality into all of his work. He will ever stand with the highest and best of the professors of Hampden-Sydney.

As a man Dr. Massey was on the same high level. Quiet, reserved, humble almost to a fault, he nevertheless possessed the sharpest sense of humor. He was genuine, staunch, strong. In every relationship he was all that is meant by a Christian gentleman. The admiration and affection of the faculty, the students, and the community were his in the largest measure.

Truly these words are apt: "He being dead yet speaketh."

On behalf of the Class of 1953, I formally present to Hampden-Sydney College the portrait of Dr. James Buckner Massey, the beloved professor.

Alumni at Commencement

1894	Rev. J. Gray McAllister	1924	W. A. Moncre, Jr.
	Rev. Francis M. Allen		William R. Gardner
1897			Neal A. Bedinger
	R. K. Brock		M. H. Bittinger
	R. T. Hubbard		John H. McDonald
	C. O. Hamlett		R. H. Watkins
1900		1925	
	Ray A. Moore		Joe M. White
1901			J. S. Gillespie
	George F. Bell		M. B. Morton
1902		1927	
	E. G. Stokes		M. P. Strickler
	Dr. Lyttleton Hubard		John R. Brinser
1904			Burton K. White
	Stuart G. Christian		R. A. Hardy
	Samuel D. Craig		G. H. Thompson
	Thomas J. Harwell		James M. Ward
	P. L. Clark	1928	
	A. F. Patton		J. B. Bagby
	Abney Payne		K. K. Wallace
1905			E. R. Elliott
	E. G. Gammon	1929	
1906			Christian Munt
	H. J. Phlegar		Henry W. McLaughlin, Jr.
1907			W. S. Addisson, Jr.
	P. T. Atkinson		J. E. Crinkley
1908			John F. Montgomery
	F. S. Johns		Hethorn Buchanan
1910			E. C. Toone, Jr.
	J. H. Allen	1930	
1911			P. H. Ropp
	B. P. Eggleston	1931	
1913			J. M. Hunt
	A. Hardy Zehmer	1932	
1914			C. A. Garden, Jr.
	A. L. Lorraine	1933	
	Marion N. Fitzgerald		R. M. Crowe
	T. J. McIlwaine		John H. Stuart
	L. C. Benedict		Jas S. McKenry
	John C. Moore	1934	
	Ernest T. Thompson		Thos. H. Garber
1915			W. Franklin Fallwell, Jr.
	R. W. Dupuy		W. W. Wilkerson
1916			R. A. Michaux
	E. L. Dupuy	1935	
	D. M. Allan		J. B. Massey, Jr.
	Beach Jordan		R. T. Hubbard, Jr.
1917			A. R. Leake
	R. Lee Palmore		J. T. Trotter
	Henry Morton		J. G. Watson
1918			W. W. Mackey
	F. C. Owen	1936	
	Roy Lyle		W. Birch Douglass
1919		1937	
	F. D. Wilson		B. Henry Massey
	J. B. Wall		G. L. Walker, Jr.
	Dr. Charles W. Putney		F. D. Pollard
1920			C. L. Snidow, Jr.
	R. D. Warren	1938	
1922			W. E. Cushwa
	W. Norman Cook		J. A. Armistead
	Charles B. Quarles		W. W. Watson
1923			R. S. Manson, Jr.
	M. I. Williams	1940	
	Chapman H. Binford		Homer P. Hatten
	F. W. Spindler	1941	
	Abner Robertson		T. E. Crawley
	J. Marshall Watkins		R. A. Moore, Jr.
	M. L. T. Hughes	1943	
	T. E. Gilmer		Joseph W. Cox III
	Page Morton		Thos. N. P. Johns
			R. E. Cabell, Jr.

1944
 Fred W. Young, Jr.
 Ben Irving Johns
 John Q. Hatten
 C. A. Blanton II
 1945
 A. H. Goddin
 J. W. Powell
 T. J. Fulcher, Jr.
 1946
 William S. Cox
 A. Epes Harris
 J. V. C. Summerell
 1947
 O. W. Lacy
 1948
 C. K. Lorraine

W. F. Atkinson
 T. E. Gilmer, Jr.
 1949
 A. R. Vulgan
 C. W. Milam
 1950
 W. A. Hunter
 J. B. Wall, Jr.
 John M. Quarles
 1952
 Raymond Bottom, Jr.
 Archie F. Robertson, Jr.
 Reid Erwin
 1953
 Scott Kelly
 W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr.



Class Reunions

CLASS OF 1904



(PHOTO BY GRAVES THOMPSON)

SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT: P. L. Clark, S. G. Christian
 STANDING: Daley Craig, Abney Payne, T. J. Harwell, A. F. Patton

Classes holding special reunions were those of 1894, 1904, 1914, 1924, 1934, and 1944.

The fifty-year class, that of 1904, was represented by six sturdy members out of its present fourteen. Given an honored position in the academic procession, they were Daley Craig of Waynesboro, Stuart G. Christian of Richmond, Pleasant L. Clark of Burgan, N. C., Thomas J. Harwell and A. F. Patton of Danville, and Abney Payne of Winchester.

Seated on the platform during the commencement proceedings were the two members of the class of 1894 who had returned. Dr. J. Gray McAllister, only living ex-president of the College, pronounced the invocation, and Dr. Francis M. Allen of Richmond the benediction.

CLASS OF 1894



Dr. Francis M. Allen (left) and Dr. J. Gray McAllister



Annual Alumni Meeting

Following the commencement luncheon on the lawn in front of Venable Hall, the Alumni Association met. The minutes of the meeting, subject to approval at the next annual meeting, are printed below.

The annual meeting of the Hampden-Sydney Alumni Association convened in the Frank Stoddert Johns Auditorium at 2 P. M., June 7, 1954, with a goodly number of alumni in attendance.

President Joe Stras Gillespie, '25, presided. The invocation was offered by Dr. F. M. Allen, '94.

Mr. Gillespie requested Roy Lyle, '17, W. R. Gardner, '24, and J. B. Wall, '19, to act as a Nominating Committee to recommend officers for the succeeding year.

Mr. Gillespie voiced his appreciation of the large number of alumni present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer gave his report, which was heard with interest and also ordered received and filed.

President Gammon was invited to address the gathering on the state of the College. He spoke optimistically both as to the present and future.

Dr. J. Gray McAllister, '94, was recognized by the Chairman and invited to address the gathering. He spoke with feeling as he counseled that we not turn our attention to the past, but focus our thoughts on the present and the future. It was his conviction that the prospects were never brighter for the College than they are today. For the work that Dr. Gammon had been able to do he gave him due credit and unstinted praise. He thought that the enlargement of the endowment fund under the presidency of Dr. Gammon had been phenomenal. As a member of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary Dr. McAllister assured the alumni that the Seminary was proud to receive Hampden-Sydney boys in its student body and it wished to have them in larger numbers.

Mr. Gillespie recognized the members of the Class of 1904 as the honor guests of the College for this occasion. He invited them to stand and he counted, whereupon those present on the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation stood as follows: P. L.

Clark, Stuart G. Christian, Daley Craig, T. J. Harwell, A. F. Patton, and Abney Payne.

Mr. Christian on behalf of his class expressed their pleasure at being present and on their happiness at noting the greatly improved physical features of the buildings and grounds.

President Gillespie thanked the spokesmen for the Classes of 1894 and 1904, both for their remarks and for their presence, which added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

Mr. Lyle as Chairman of the Nominating Committee offered the following slate:

For President: Mr. Joe Stras Gillespie, '25

For Vice President: Dr. Robert W. Bugg, '20

For Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. P. Tulane Atkinson, '07

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted and these gentlemen were duly declared the officers of the Association.

There being no further business, on motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
P. TULANE ATKINSON,
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT
HAMPDEN-SYDNEY ALUMNI FUND
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
June 1, 1953—May 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

Cash Balance June 1, 1953		\$8,577.97
Gifts (unrestricted as to use)	\$27,509.00	
Gifts (for designated purposes)		
Scholarship Endowment	\$1,300.00	
Student Aid	2,705.00	
Dr. Gammon's Use	700.00	
Endowment	500.00	
Venable Renovation	215.00	
Memorial to		
P. T. Craddock, 1941	279.00	
Memorial to		
F. M. Caldwell, 1953	150.00	
Athletics	110.00	
Library	55.00	
Golf	20.00	
Scientific Depts.	15.00	
Faculty Salaries	10.00	
Student Christian Association	5.00	
Glee Club	5.00	
Total designated gifts	6,069.00	
Total Gifts		33,578.00
		\$42,155.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary Secretary	2,900.00	
Clerical Help	1,093.65	
Stationery & Printing	960.10	
Postage	323.39	
Office Supplies	172.07	
Office Equipment	850.00	
Hotel & Travel	158.70	
Telephone & Telegraph	92.98	
Commencement &		
Homecoming Expenses	65.65	
Social Security	72.43	
Alumni Catalogue		
Supplement Expenses	59.50	
Miscellaneous	1.10	
Total Operating Expense	\$6,749.57	
Publishing THE RECORD	4,307.94	
Gifts Distributed as per		
designations above	6,069.00	
To a Cause requested to be kept		
confidential by donors	1,500.00	
To Renovation of Venable Hall	20,000.00	
Total Disbursements		38,626.51
Balance June 1, 1954		3,529.46
		\$42,155.97
	P. TULANE ATKINSON	
	Treasurer	
Alumni Contributors	1,100	
Friends	34	

Prince Edward County Felicitated

In the course of the Commencement proceedings, President Gammon delivered the following remarks:

In view of the long and strong relationship between Hampden-Sydney and Prince Edward, we pause to extend our sincerest congratulations to the County on its two hundredth Anniversary. It was on January 8, 1754, that the first court in Prince Edward was constituted.

Twenty-one years later witnessed the birth of Hampden-Sydney. In all the intervening 179 years the County and the College have made valuable contributions to each other.

Prince Edward has sent many of her sons to Hampden-Sydney, no small number of whom have made notable successes in their chosen careers.

Today Hampden-Sydney rejoices to pay tribute to the County of Prince Edward, the place of her birth and her abiding home.

Society of the Cincinnati Establishes Essay Contest

The following letter has been received by President Edgar G. Gammon:

DEAR DR. GAMMON:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that at the Annual Meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia held recently in the Old Hall of the House of Delegates, Richmond, the following Resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, the College of Hampden-Sydney, located at Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, first opened its doors in 1776 and has been in continuous operation ever since as an institution of higher learning, and

Whereas, Hampden-Sydney College has given freely of her sons to fight in every war in which these United States have been a belligerent, including the War of the Revolution, in which by far the greater part of its student body volunteered to fight for the cause of freedom, and

Whereas, the aims and mission of Hampden-Sydney College have been to train the minds of young men in the classics and in the sciences, and, at the same time, to inculcate in their hearts a reverence for God, a love of Country, and a strong feeling of the responsibilities of good citizenship, and

Whereas, the results of this fine training are evidenced in the high percentage of Hampden-Sydney graduates who have been outstanding in the fields of religion, statesmanship, law, medicine and teaching, and

Whereas, these objectives of Hampden-Sydney College are fully in accord with the great precepts laid down in the institution of the Society of the Cincinnati, especially the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this committee that the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia should take cognizance of the long years of enlightening service to the State and Nation by Hampden-Sydney College by offering each year to a sophomore or junior enrolled therein, who completes the best essay upon some phase of the War of the Revolution, either military or economic or both, a cash prize of \$50.00 and a suitable medal."

Sincerely,
CATESBY AP C. JONES
Secretary

Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia

CAMPUS NEWS

Faculty Changes

Four faculty changes for the 1954-55 session have been announced.

Dr. David C. Wilson, professor of Greek and, since 1939, dean of Hampden-Sydney College, is retiring from the deanship, but happily will continue with the teaching of Greek. In announcing Dr. Wilson's decision, President Gammon told the commencement audience:

In the fall of 1923, Dr. David Cooper Wilson assumed the Chair of Greek at Hampden-Sydney. So great was his devotion to his work and so effectively did he labor that he was soon affectionately nicknamed "Greek" Wilson.

He continued in this position until June 15, 1939, when he was elected Dean of the College. To this vital and difficult task Dr. Wilson has given the same devotion and loyalty during the ensuing fifteen years.

Now having already served beyond the age of retirement, it is his expressed desire to relinquish the duties of his office.

It is with genuine gratitude that I am able to report that Dr. Wilson will continue to devote his full time to the Chair of Greek.

The Board of Trustees, the Alumni, the Administration, the Faculty, and the Student Body express their admiration and affection for thirty-one years of service so well and so nobly done. And to Mrs. David C. Wilson, they wish to express their highest gratitude and esteem.

The office of dean will be taken over by Assistant Dean James E. Kinard.

M. H. Bittinger, '24, professor of Economics and Government, has resigned to accept a position as associate professor of History and Social Studies at Longwood College. Professor Bittinger had been at Hampden-Sydney since 1941, teaching history as well as government and economics. A versatile and many-sided member of the faculty, he had served in a number of capacities, including those of dean of men, director of campus activities, coach of the baseball team, and managing editor of THE RECORD.

Professor Bittinger's successor will be Charles Hummell, a graduate of V. P. I. and the Wharton School of Business.

Dr. W. B. Guerrant leaves the Chair of Bible and will engage in church work in Florida.

While he and Mrs. Guerrant have been at Hampden-Sydney for only one year, their charming and Christian personalities and their manifold abilities have made them integral parts of the college and community.

Dr. Guerrant will be succeeded by Dr. Joseph Burner Clower, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Morganton, North Carolina.

Dr. James E. Worsham, Jr., associate professor of Chemistry for the past year and winner of a Cottrell grant from the Research Corporation of New York, returns to his alma mater, the University of Richmond, as a member of the chemistry department there. Dr. James M. Fredrickson, head of the chemistry department at Davis and Elkins College, will join the Hampden-Sydney faculty in the fall. He will replace Dr. T. H. Pearson, who has resigned to accept a position in private business in Baton Rouge, La.

Parents' Day at Hampden-Sydney

Parents' Day at Hampden-Sydney was observed on Wednesday, May 12. The program, sponsored by "Parents and Friends of Hampden-Sydney College," was attended by about fifty persons.

The Rev. Robert Bluford, Jr., of Raleigh, N. C., who has taken leadership in organizing the groups, said the program was provided to enable parents to become better acquainted and to enable them to understand better the institution which is "the educational choice of your most precious possessions, your sons."

The parents attended a convocation in Johns Auditorium at 11 a. m., when special numbers by the College Glee Club were presented and Student Christian Association officers conducted a worship service and outlined objectives of the SCA.

William B. Rogers, pastor of College Church, presided at the service, which was highlighted by a talk from SCA President Sonny Loud. He enumerated the aims of this important organization and emphasized the need for student help. Vice President Wilson Kolmer read the scripture; and W. F. Bower, Secretary-Treasurer, gave the morning prayer. Chapel also included two selections by the Glee Club under Dr. John Molnar: "Gloria" from the 12th Mass of Mozart and "Lo a Voice From Heaven Sounding" by Bordiniansky.

For luncheon, the visitors were guests of the college in the Commons. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Bluford of the Class of 1945 and C. H. Brannon of Raleigh, who is chairman of the Parents Committee, spoke briefly on objectives of the new organization.

For its present objectives, the organization has outlined programs of providing financial support to the college; enlarging its membership of "friends" who may be interested in backing the institution, and in helping worthy students in reaching a decision to attend the college.

Mr. Bluford announced that nearly \$1,000 has been given to the college through the group in less than a year of active organization. At present such funds are being earmarked for scholarship use.

Dr. Edgar G. Gammon, college president, extended the institution's welcome, and P. Tulane Atkinson, college treasurer, conducted a tour of the campus and buildings to complete the afternoon.

The Parents Committee at present is the directing group within the organization of Parents and Friends. Its leaders and members are:

C. H. Brannon, of Raleigh, chairman; Dr. G. A. L. Kolmer, Salem, Va., vice chairman; Mrs. John C. Steck, Farnville, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Royster Lyle, and Mrs. D. A. Overby, Jr., Danville; C. N. Tester, Pulaski; H. L. Rosenbaum, Roanoke; Mrs. R. B. Grinan, Jr., and Herbert C. Wall, Norfolk; Mrs. H. W. Oppenheimer, Richmond; Halsey W. Smith, Arlington; and Laurence Saunders, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Parents expressed delight at the opportunity of meeting together, and an air of enthusiasm for future possibilities was evident throughout the day.

College Receives Bequest

Hampden-Sydney has received \$4,530 from a \$50,000 trust estate created by the will of James Monroe Payne, prominent attorney of Charleston, West Virginia, who died in 1922. Mr. Payne was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston. Because of his interest in the Southern Presbyterian Church, most of the money in the trust estate was designated for distribution to various agencies and institutions of that denomination.

Three of Mr. Payne's sons attended Hampden-Sydney: Abney Payne, '04; James M. Payne, Jr., '07; and Francis Worth Payne, '13.



Hampden-Sydney Magazine Reborn

After a lapse of four years, *The Hampden-Sydney Magazine* resumed publication last May. In a smaller format and simpler binding than its earlier issues, familiar to alumni, it maintained a high literary level. Edited by David Litchfield, '54, it was made up of nine short stories by George Pillow, '54, Howard Hanson, '54, William Trapnell, '54, William Daughtrey, '55, and Thomas Looney, '57. The writing ran more to the style of *The New Yorker* than that of *The Saturday Evening Post*.

Many individuals shared in the successful reappearance of the Magazine. A major part of the credit must go to Henry William Hoffman, '49, and his class in short story composition. Sigma Upsilon Literary Fraternity got behind the idea and saw it through to completion, with William Pauley, '54, as the work horse for business arrangements. Dr. Gammon found the money to finance the printing. Each contribution was vital.

The Hampden-Sydney Magazine goes back to 1859. Publication has not been continuous. The present volume is the sixty-fifth. In 1937, in an attempt to revitalize the magazine, the name was changed to *The Garnette* (later shortened to *The Garnet*) and the contents likewise altered so that it became something of a humorous publication. In this latest revival, it was decided to use the old name and a more serious approach.

The success of the present effort encourages the hope that Hampden-Sydney may continue to be worthily represented in the field of literary creation.



Phi Beta Kappa

Eight Hampden-Sydney seniors and two alumni were initiated into the Eta of Virginia Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa on Saturday, June 5.

The new alumni members were Dr. Chapman H. Binford, '23, Medical Director of the U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C., and Dr. R. McFerran Crowe, '33, new president of Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi, and previously pastor of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Students initiated were John Armstrong Cross, Jr., Salem, Virginia; Thomas Joseph Ferrell, Jr., Waycross, Georgia; Joseph Stras Gillespie, Jr., Tazewell, Virginia; George August Leonard Kolmer, Jr., Salem, Virginia;

NEW PHI BETA KAPPA MEMBERS



(PHOTO BY GEORGE GILMER)

SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr. Chapman H. Binford, Dr. R. McFerran Crowe.

STANDING: J. S. Gillespie, T. J. Ferrell, D. L. Litchfield, G. M. Williams, G. A. L. Kolmer, J. A. Cross, W. P. W. Young, J. J. Stokes

David Lee Litchfield, Norfolk, Virginia; James Jackson Stokes, Kenbridge, Virginia; George Machir Williams, Moorefield, West Virginia, and William Pharo Wiltsee Young, Roanoke, Virginia.

For the first time since the installation of Phi Beta Kappa at Hampden-Sydney it was impossible to take into the organization all the high-ranking seniors whose grades would ordinarily have qualified them for membership. The national rules fix a percentage maximum, and this maximum had been reached with the students named above. That there were other worthy candidates for membership speaks well for the scholastic excellence of the Class of '54.

Following the initiation, the annual Phi Beta Kappa dinner was held at the Commons. The evening was concluded with short but excellent talks by Mr. Litchfield and Dr. Crowe.



Omicron Delta Kappa

The Spring tapping ceremony of Lambda Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa brought four rising seniors into the organization. They were Thomas Edwin Glascock of Marshall, Virginia; John Wilson Kolmer of Salem, Virginia; James Millner Overbey of Danville, Virginia; and Thomas Lawrence Thorne, Jr., of Ocean City, New Jersey.

Dr. Robert W. Bugg, '20, was elected to honorary membership. Dr. Bugg is headmaster of St. Christopher's School, Richmond, and a loyal and active alumnus.

The ODK address to the student body was given by James Hickey, Hampden-Sydney athletic director and a member of the organization at the College of William and Mary.

After the initiation ceremonies, the new members were honored with a banquet at Longwood House.

SENIOR CLASS GIFT



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Pointing the way back to Alma Mater

Gift of the Class of 1954

Hampden-Sydney is undoubtedly one of the best hidden colleges in the country—which is all to the good, generally speaking. No one wants a four-lane highway through the place. Most of the Hampden-Sydney denizens are usually able to beat their way back to the campus, and there seem to be hosts of textbook salesmen, Randolph-Macon students, and dogs who have no trouble in locating the lair of the Tiger. But the inexperienced visitor has needed an intricate diagram or a keen eye for roadside signs to discover the College, situated a mile off Highway Fifteen.

The Senior Class of 1954, sensing the need for a prominent indication at Kingsville that there was a college in the vicinity and that here was the place to turn, had an attractive signboard erected in May. Black letters on a white background spell out the legend "Hampden-Sydney College, Founded in 1776," and a black arrow points the way.

The project was initiated by Dean Tester, president of the graduating class, and the construction was carried out by his father, C. N. Tester of Pulaski, Va.

The members of the Class of '54 have made a useful contribution to their College. It is hoped that in the years to come they will often themselves follow the arrow pointing the way back to Alma Mater.



Final Student Awards

Whereas formerly the end of the college session saw all student awards conferred as a part of the commencement ceremony, the present practice is to present all

those which are not strictly senior honors at the final student convocation of the year.

This year the convocation awards were as follows:

David Litchfield, '54, of Norfolk, Virginia, received the ROSEWELL PAGE AWARD of fifty dollars for the greatest improvement in public speaking.

James Nichols, '56, of Bluefield, West Virginia, was the recipient of the DEBATE COUNCIL AWARD, a loving cup. The award is given for the best record in inter-collegiate debating during the year.

Thomas L. Thorne, Jr., '55, of Ocean City, New Jersey, was given the CAMILLA VIRGINIA TAYLOR CRAWLEY MUSIC AWARD of one hundred dollars for outstanding service and promise in the field of music.

John Wilson Kolmer, '55, of Salem, Virginia, was awarded a fifty-dollar prize from the KEARFOTT STONE MEMORIAL for his prominence in campus musical affairs. He is the new president of the Glee Club.

James J. Stokes, '54, of Kenbridge, Virginia, won the ANNA CARRINGTON HARRISON AWARD of fifty dollars for constructive leadership. Mr. Stokes was the retiring president of the student body.

Monograms and sweaters were awarded in baseball, track, and tennis, and the handsome McILWAINE THOMPSON TENNIS TROPHY went to John F. Richards, '56, of Lynchburg, Virginia, winner of the spring tennis tournament. Mr. Richards was the number one player on the tennis team.



President Cushing's Reinterment At Hampden-Sydney

On Sunday afternoon, April 25, 1954, the body of Jonathan Peter Cushing, president of Hampden-Sydney from 1821 to 1835, was reinterred in the College Church cemetery at Hampden-Sydney.

Two years earlier, the Reverend Robert Bluford, Jr., '45, pastor of the Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, responding to a request of President-Emeritus J. D. Eggleston, '86 (Dr. Eggleston, indeed, was the moving spirit in the whole matter), succeeded in locating Mr. Cushing's tomb in that city. Interest in the man was renewed. His descendants felt that his burial place would more appropriately be at the college which had been the scene of the great work of his short life. And so at length, under the supervision of Mr. Bluford, the tomb was transferred to the Hampden-Sydney cemetery.

The service of reinterment, conducted by Mr. Bluford and Dr. Edgar G. Gammon, '05, president of the College, was as follows:

MR. BLUFORD: It was 119 years ago almost to the hour that Jonathan P. Cushing died in the city of Raleigh, North Carolina. He had arrived in that city on Thursday evening the 23rd of April, 1835. With him were the members of his family who were accompanying him South for his health. Greatly fatigued from the journey from Hampden-Sydney, Jonathan Cushing passed away in the old Eagle Hotel with his family at his bedside. This was at 3 p. m. on Saturday, April 25, 1835. He was prepared for burial and on the next day was carried to the Christ Church (Episcopal), where a service was held. With his family and a few citizens of Raleigh following his horse drawn casket, Jonathan Cushing was carried to the old city cemetery, where he was buried and where he has remained until this time. Today we are gathered to reinter his remains and observe the removal of his

CUSHING GRAVE IN RALEIGH, N. C.



Rev. Robert Bluford, Jr., and President Edgar G. Gammon at President Cushing's grave in 1952 before its removal to Hampden-Sydney

tomb to Hampden-Sydney. It is fitting that we should hear a sketch of Jonathan Cushing's life. President Gammon will read that for us at this time.

DR. GAMMON (reading a manuscript prepared by Dr. Willard F. Bliss, professor of History at Hampden-Sydney):

One hundred and nineteen years ago, this date, there died in Raleigh, North Carolina, a man who was intimately associated with the early development of Hampden-Sydney as a liberal arts college. That man was Jonathan Peter Cushing. Although born in New Hampshire and educated at Phillips Exeter Academy and Dartmouth College, his life work became identified with the State of Virginia and especially with this college.

For reasons of health and with the hope of pursuing the profession of law, Jonathan Cushing came south in 1817. Pausing in Richmond, he called on Dr. John Holt Rice, who persuaded him to accept, temporarily at least, a tutorship at Hampden-Sydney. Thus began, under tenuous circumstances, the relationship that was to last until the death of Mr. Cushing eighteen years later, during which time he advanced from tutor to president.

It was not long after the start of his teaching duties that Jonathan Cushing became "First Professor" of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, and, because of his ability, his popularity, and his dignity, shortly after the sudden death of Dr. Moses D. Hoge, he was offered the presidency of Hampden-Sydney in 1821. At that time Mr. Cushing was but twenty-eight years of age. His appointment was noteworthy not only because of his extreme youth but also because he was the first layman and the first non-Presbyterian to serve in such a capacity.

It has been said of President Cushing that he "approached the ideal of the modern president in that he was essentially a practical man of business talent, as well as an inspiring teacher and able scholar." Such a generalization is well substantiated by the facts. He labored ardently and successfully to raise the endowment fund; he overcame the many obstacles encountered in the construction of the "new College Building" (now Cushing Hall); it was during his administration that the "new president's house" was built, and adjoining land acquired by the College. Also, in 1824, the Theological Seminary was established as an institution distinct from the College.

In the academic life of Hampden-Sydney, President Cushing mapped out new courses: scientific studies were developed into

a three years' course; additional apparatus acquired for the college laboratory; the library facilities enlarged.

His interest in Virginia was by no means localized. As a result of his enthusiasm for his adopted state, he played an active role in the foundation in 1831 of what is today the Virginia Historical Society. He served as an official of the Society and consistently urged the systematic "collecting and preserving of all books, papers, manuscripts, which relate to the past history of the State."

Such constant activity and untiring effort ultimately weakened what had never been a strong constitution, and after the winter of 1834-35, he was obliged to seek rest and sunshine far to the south of Virginia. However, his travels were cut short at Raleigh. There it was that death came on April 25th, and there he was buried.

And now, after so many years, he is returned to the scene where he worked and taught and built so well for the future.

Thus after one hundred and nineteen years to the exact day Jonathan Peter Cushing returns to where he labored so nobly and successfully—perhaps to the most fruitful years of his life. That Hampden-Sydney should be his final resting place is only his right and a lasting honor to the College.

MR. BLUFORD: Our minds most naturally turn to the Biblical occasion upon which the Hebrew patriarch Joseph instructed his people to carry his remains back to the Promised Land upon their departure from Egypt. He meant this to be a means by which his people might be reminded of the faith of one of their great leaders and an inspiration to coming generations who would visit his tomb. In that same spirit we have brought Jonathan Cushing back to Hampden-Sydney, to the college he served so ably and with such distinction. As we recommit his remains, let us turn to our God through prayer.

"Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, in the solemnity of this hour we give Thee our humble thanks for the lives of Thy faithful servants who have gone before us and into whose labors we have entered. Especially do we thank Thee this day for the life of Jonathan Peter Cushing, for his faith in Thee and for his faithful Christian witness. We praise Thee for the service that this man has rendered Thee by

CUSHING DESCENDANTS



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Descendants of President Cushing at his grave following the reinterment at Hampden-Sydney. LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Ben Irving Johns, Mrs. Mary Marshall McCulloch, Mrs. Nellie Brydon Murrie, Mrs. W. C. Marshall, Rev. W. C. Marshall

giving himself to laboring in this college. We pray, O God, that our having brought him here will serve to remind us of his life and work, that we may in this generation be inspired to imitate his good works, and that future generations may likewise be strengthened in their labors. Now, O Lord, as we recommit him to this sacred soil we ask Thy blessing upon the college which he served so well, praying that Thou wouldst continue to use it in the service of the Kingdom of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Now may grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be with and remain with us always. Amen!"

Among those attending the service were a Cushing great-grandson, the Reverend W. C. Marshall, of Lynchburg, Va., his wife, Mrs. W. C. Marshall; a great-granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Marshall McCulloch, of Winchester, Va.; and two collateral descendants, Mrs. Nellie Brydon Murrie of Lynchburg, Va., and Mrs. Ben Irving Johns, of Farmville, Va.

Other living descendants are a grandson, Jonathan C. Meredith, aged 93, of Kansas City, Mo., and a great-grandson, Peyton Marshall, of Winchester, Va. These were unable to be present.

So at last, in the presence of those who had come to do him honor, amid scenes familiar and yet how different from those of 119 years before, came to its final end that journey which had begun in the quest of healing. One of the greatest of Hampden-Sydney's presidents was at rest at the college he had loved and for which he had builded so well.



The Year in Review

Last year an article under this title, written by the retiring editor of the 1952-53 Hampden-Sydney Tiger, received favorable comment from alumni. The author of the present piece was editor of The Tiger during the eventful session of 1953-54.

With mixed emotion 218 upperclassmen and 101 freshmen streamed into Death Valley on September 15, 1953. They were greeted by the old stand-bys of Hampden-Sydney—Wilson, Atkinson, Overcash, Allan, Gilmer, Thompson, Ghigo, Ropp, McRae, Bliss, and Hickey—who, as every student knows, have helped to make Hampden-Sydney what it is.

When the dust had settled and both old and new friendships had been established, it was noticed that the faculty had been bolstered by the addition of five new men—Dr. W. B. Guerrant, Dr. James E. Worsham, Mr. James E. Kinard, Mr. W. O. Lacey, and Mr. Bob Thalman. Also everyone marveled at the new Venable Hall. The ancient freshman dorm had undergone a \$95,000 renovation.

Adjustments were made and Hampden-Sydney sprang once again into her normal existence after the quiet months of summer rest. Under the direction of ODK, the freshmen were orientated with the traditions and histories of the college, after which they were further "orientated" by that phase of campus life which is known affectionately as "ratting." The ratting system keeps the new man aware of his position in the college and, despite its frequent abuses and weak points, does help the freshman develop into a better college student.

Hal McVey was elected President of the freshman class, and Tommy Lee and Ed Siersema were made Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. All three of these boys hail from Richmond.

Hampden-Sydney is always a lively, and never a boring, school. With this in mind there occurred on the fatal

night of October 15 the much publicized "pantie raid" on Longwood College.

To change the subject, the Bengal football team, led by co-captains Jimmy Stokes and Stokely Fulton, was rolling up an impressive record and went on to take the Mason-Dixon Conference Championship.

In addition to the alumni meeting, the Homecoming week end was highlighted by the German Club dances that featured Don Grimes' Orchestra, coupled with the many fraternity functions. The Pi K As won first prize for the best Homecoming house decoration.

The Fall Religious Emphasis Series was ably conducted by the Rev. A. G. Edwards of Harrisonburg during the last week of October. Through these worship services the spiritual life of the college was re-vitalized.

One hundred and sixty-eight men were "hanging" on the first "tree" list [i.e., list of those failing courses—Ed.] when it was posted on October 21, 1953. It was during this time that there was much student criticism on the new cut system which the faculty had passed. Much of this criticism resulted from the fact that Dean Wilson had been ill during the entire first quarter of the school year, and therefore a satisfactory reason had not yet been given to the students explaining the new cut system. However, the situation was cleared up in an open letter to the students published in *The Tiger* by the Committee on Absences.

Sigma Chi fraternity led in the fall pledging, with Theta Chi and Pi Kappa Alpha following.

The various college organizations, such as the Glee Club, the Jongleurs, and the Literary Society, were most active during the entire school year. ODK, Eta Sigma Phi, Chi Beta Phi, Sigma Upsilon, and PDE were functioning, but, as usual, with infrequent and impromptu meetings. The attendance at the Wednesday night prayer meeting was small, but the faithful few met with regularity.

By means of special convocations throughout the entire year, additional knowledge other than the class room lectures was bestowed upon the young intellects of Death Valley. Dr. Henri Peyre, a native of Paris and chairman of the French Department at Yale, spoke on the "Prospects For Our Half Century"; Bernard Von Bothmer, from the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, spoke on the treasure of the tomb of King Tutankhamen, ruler of Egypt in the 14th Century B. C.; Margaret Webster, the famed and noted director, addressed the students on "Shakespeare and You"; Randall Thompson, composer and chairman of the Music Department at Harvard, made a brilliant talk; Dr. Peterson of Rutgers University captivated the H-S audience with his talk on "Great American Boasters"; the chairman of Philosophy of New York University, Dr. Sydney Hook, discussed "An American in Europe"; and Dr. Richard H. Shyrock, Professor of the History of Medicine at Johns Hopkins, spoke on "Changing Concepts in American Medicine over Three Centuries."

Six seniors were named in a news release from President Gammon to the college newspaper as having been elected from Hampden-Sydney to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Those students were James J. Stokes, Richard D. Tester, James I. Slaydon, Rives S. Hardy, William H. Trapnell, Jr., and Ernest T. Thompson, Jr.

The entire school was shocked on October 30 with the

news that the football team had been in a train wreck en route to Tennessee for the Sewanee game. Coaches Hickey and Thalman suffered from shock; co-captain Stokes and guard Alton Bryant were hospitalized; and the rest of the team was badly shaken-up. The game was canceled and the team returned to school *by bus*.

Triumphantly the Senators, the Hampden-Sydney Debate Team, brought home the top honors from the State Fall Tournament of Tau Kappa Alpha, which was held at Randolph-Macon College.

Following the much anticipated Christmas holidays (with the disputed double-cut rule in effect) and preceding the much dreaded exams, the students on the hill responded warmly to the SCA "Tiger Missionary Week." During this week, \$250 in funds and great quantities of clothing was collected for shipment to R. K. Robinson, who is in Mokpo, Korea, to be used in his work in the mission field. As the ALUMNI RECORD pointed out, this gesture of good will, unlike the pantie raid of October, was given little publicity outside of the college newspaper.

As always, during January the seven fraternities doubled their efforts in rushings. The bewildered freshmen, who several months earlier had been treated as though they were the scum of the earth and who now found themselves being treated as if they were the kings of the campus, were besieged from all sides with a great complexity of varying treatments and approaches.

When the "smoke" cleared away on that Monday afternoon, February 15, which followed the formal rush week and five months of disguised rushing on the part of many, eighty-three freshmen eagerly accepted fraternity bids. The K A's and the Sigma Chis led in the number of pledges with each getting 17. The Pi K A's pledged 13, the Kappa Sigs got 12, the Theta Chis took nine, the Lambda Chis welcomed nine also, and the Chi Phis got six.

After rushing, all thoughts quickly turned to Mid-winters. Ronnie Bartley and his orchestra furnished the music for the formal dances and the Roanoke Aristocrats played for the informal dance. The social fraternities functioned actively during the entire week end.

Everyone's time and attention after the melting of the last snow was focused on spring sports, lake parties, and spring fever—with the exception of the few genuine scholars. This attitude prevailed the rest of the year.

Dr. Graham Lacy of Washington conducted the annual Spring Religious Emphasis Series, and his inspirational talks were warmly received by the students. His visit left a real mark on the religious life of the school.

Elections and other positions of honor and achievement inevitably come at the climax of every college year. Stockley Fulton, of Danville, Va., was elected the new president of the student body on the second ballot. Other nominees were runners-up Bob Curtis and Jim Overby. Fulton succeeds Jim Stokes, who did an outstanding job during his term of office. Chuck Hardy of Scranton, Pa., was elected Vice President, and George Bird of Richmond, Va., was made the new Secretary-Treasurer.

Royster Lyle was elected to the editorship of *The Tiger*, college newspaper, while Fred Hodges became the new editor of the *Kaleidoscope*.

The college administration experimented this year with-out freshman counselors, but has decided to return to the counselor system next year.

For many years the college did not have a sufficient out-

let for literary talent, the only publication being *The Tiger*. A literary magazine was definitely needed and desired by many groups. This desire became a reality in May and the first issue of the reborn *Hampden-Sydney Magazine* was printed under the direction of Sigma Upsilon with David Litchfield as editor. The magazine contained nine short stories—there were no jokes, cartoons, or ads.

Final Dances were held immediately following exams with the Aristocrats and Blue Baron giving out with the music. The dances were held outside on the tennis courts—and it managed to rain only one of the two nights.

The Baccalaureate Sermon on June 6 was delivered by Dr. Ernest T. Thompson, and Dr. Francis P. Gaines addressed the forty-nine graduating seniors on Commencement day. On this last day the seniors were sorry to learn of Dr. Wilson's retirement as Dean.

Due to the unfavorable publicity which the college received and the occurrence of other local complications, some have contended that the one hundred and seventy-eighth session was a "black" year.

However, the year saw many noteworthy and good advances made. Consider the collection for the Korean Orphanage, the re-establishing of the literary magazine, the championship titles in football and tennis, the rise of interest in track, the fact that new courses in Music Appreciation and Creative Writing were added to the curriculum, and the great strides taken in the improvement of H-S's physical layout. The infirmary rules were enforced, a Hampden-Sydney Band (which even blasted away in the gym during basketball games) was organized, and the organization of the Parents and Friends of Hampden-Sydney was formed. With such steps as these being taken in the right direction, the year can hardly be called a bad year.

There were other instances which helped to make the year somewhat different from others. A senior for the first time was suspended from school for overcutting. The College Shop was closed at night except for one hour, the canine population increased, much to the alarm of the administration, and there were serious thoughts of changing the rushing system. The raid on Longwood occurred, the first home track meet was held, a new Assistant Dean took office, a new cut system was installed, and there was an all time low attendance at chapel services. But, despite the good, the evils, and the changes, Hampden-Sydney stands firm and endures all, remembering always its glorious past and looking forward to the future. The enrollment of freshmen for next year has reached a record high and the number gaining admission will have to be restricted if more applications continue to come in.

McIlwaine Hall still stands—a symbol of Hampden-Sydney's past, of her endurance, and of her persistent stubbornness.

—ERNEST TRICE THOMPSON, JR., '54



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Memorials of John Hampden, His Party and His Times, by Lord Nugent from Mr. Donald L. Cork, '13, of Charleston, West Virginia.

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Then and Now, an autobiography of Dr. Turner Ashby Wharton from Mrs. Catherine Wharton Gray of Sherman, Texas.

White House Profile by Bess Furman and *Military Psychology* by Norman Meier from D. C. Morris, Jr., '54, of Darlington Heights.

Five volumes of current American literature from Dr. Willard F. Bliss of Hampden-Sydney.

A collection of seventy-nine volumes of religious books from President Edgar G. Gammon.

Outline Summary of English History by Miss Sally B. Dickinson from Mrs. J. L. Bugg of Farmville.

The Presbyterian Congregation on Rocky River from the author, Thomas H. Spence, Jr., of Montreat, North Carolina.

The Papers of Thomas Jefferson edited by Julian P. Boyd, volumes 1-8, from Mrs. W. S. Hildreth of Charlottesville. Mr. Hildreth intends to present the forthcoming volumes of this set to the Library as they are published by the Princeton University Press.

Nightingale by Richard Church and *Guy Renton* by Alec Waugh from Mrs. D. M. Allan of Hampden-Sydney.

A photograph of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, an English text-book, and a Latin Lexicon used by Rev. S. M. Engle, '88, while a student at Hampden-Sydney. Also a collection of thirty-one congratulatory cards and notes sent up to the stage by members of the June, 1888, Commencement audience to Mr. Engle, the Senior Orator. Rev. and Mrs. Raleigh M. Engle of Chester, South Carolina, are the donors of this gift.

A collection of books and pamphlets relating to the Bicentennial of Bedford County from Mrs. P. T. Atkinson of Hampden-Sydney.

William Henry Stiegel by George L. Heiges from Mrs. Elizabeth D. Laws of Farmville.

ALUMNI MEETINGS

Pittsylvania Chapter

The Pittsylvania chapter met on Friday evening, April 2, at the Green Lantern in Danville, Virginia. In the election of officers which followed the dinner, Russell Neeley, '28, of Danville, was elected president succeeding W. Carrington Thompson. Charles C. Vaden, '49, of Gretna was elected vice president, and Pat Striplin, '45, secretary-treasurer.

C. Stuart Wheatley, '26, Danville Delegate to the General Assembly, was the speaker of the evening. He spoke of the vital role of Virginia's liberal arts colleges and of the perilous financial situation facing many of them. Mr. Wheatley told the group of the close study by the General Assembly of the problem of aiding small schools.

Mr. Wheatley mentioned that Hampden-Sydney plays an important part in the public life of the Old Dominion. He said that the College has one of the highest percentages of representation in the General Assembly among all colleges and universities in the state. "There is a definite need and a place for such colleges as Hampden-Sydney," Wheatley said. He pointed out that the small college compensates for lack of sports glory and pomp with a solid backgrounding in liberal arts instruction which provides an atmosphere of quiet and close companionship compared with the larger institutions. He concluded, "The small college must face the fact that the heavily subsidized sports schedules at larger, state-supported schools play a major role in drawing the youth of the state. It is not until later that the student or graduate understands the desirability of attending the small college."

Coach Jim Hickey, who also spoke, paid high tribute to Danville's George Washington High School as one of the outstanding schools which furnishes students to

Hampden-Sydney. He said, "Danville's students are a welcome exception to the problem of getting good athletes who are unable to keep up in their classwork."



Norfolk Chapter

The Norfolk Alumni held their annual meeting at the Pine Tree Inn on the evening of June 3rd. It was an excellent meeting in every respect. Eddie Wolcott of the Class of 1943 presided. Including the men and their wives, there were some seventy-five present. After a report by Dr. Edgar G. Gammon, president of the college, the main address was made by Burr P. Harrison, '24, member of Congress. He made a special plea for the small college in this day of bigness in labor, government, and education. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Walter C. Scott, '39, President; William B. Spong, '41, Vice President; Henry M. Jarvis, '44, Vice President; Emerson Johnson, '52, Secretary; and Ben J. Willis, '42, Treasurer.



New York Chapter

The New York Alumni Chapter had its annual meeting at the Advertising Club on the evening of April 21st. The meeting was well-attended and a great deal of interest was shown. Dr. Jack Dunnington, the president, presided. After a delightful dinner, Dr. Gammon told of the situation at the College and then talked about the origin, purpose and results of Hampden-Sydney. He stressed especially the new value which is now being placed on a general education regardless of the career a young man might follow.

ALUMNI NEWS



James M. Cecil, '10

Cecil Elected Director-at-Large

James M. Cecil, '10, has recently been elected a director-at-large of the American Association of Advertising Agencies. The election took place at the association's thirty-sixth annual meeting held at the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, in April.

Mr. Cecil was born in Selma, Alabama. Following graduation he served as a reporter on the *Richmond Times Dispatch*.

In 1916 Mr. Cecil formed the firm of Cecil, Barreto and Cecil in Richmond, Virginia. During the twenties, Mr. Cecil moved his family and his agency headquarters to New York, and the name became Cecil, Warwick, and Legler. In 1939 Mr. Cecil joined the original Frank Presbrey Company as president, and the agency became Cecil and Presbrey, Inc.

Mr. Cecil is a trustee of the New York University-Bellevue Medical Center, a member of the Council of New York University, Vice President of the Travelers Aid Society, president of the National Hospital for Speech Disorders, member of the Executive Committee of the National Civil Service League and of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation. He is a director of the Childs Restaurant Company and the Institute of Psychotherapy. He was twice chairman of the Red Cross Fund Campaign in Greater New York, vice president of the Netherland America Foundation, and a chairman of the New York Council of the American Association of Advertising Agencies.

New National President
of State Supervisors

Dr. Woodrow W. Wilkerson, '34, has been elected president of the National Association of State Supervisors. He was so honored at their annual meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in February.

Dr. Wilkerson has been State Supervisor of Secondary Education in Virginia since 1947, having come to this department of the State Department of Education as assistant in 1945. Before this time he was principal of Marion High School. He had also served in Lunenburg, Buckingham, and King William Counties.

After graduation from Hampden-Sydney, Dr. Wilkerson received his M.A. from the College of William and Mary. In 1951 he was awarded his Ed.D. degree from the University of Maryland. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Chi.

Degrees Awarded to Hampden-
Sydney Graduates at
Union Theological Seminary

Seven Hampden-Sydney graduates were awarded degrees at the commencement exercises at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, on May twenty-fifth.

The Reverend Robert Bluford, '45, was awarded the Master of Theology degree. The subject of his thesis was "The Church and Indoctrination."

Those receiving the Bachelor of Divinity degree were Lawrence Wilton Avent, '52; Samuel Preston Hart, '51; Robert Homer Ramey, Jr., '51; James Shepherd Russell, Jr., '51; Charles Clarence Talley, '48; and Victor Neil Wyrick, Jr., '50.

Mr. Ramey, as recipient of the Moses Hoge Fellowship, will return to Union for graduate work next year.

Selvage and Wilson in New
Who's Who

The 1954-55 edition of *Who's Who in America* carries the entry of at least one additional Hampden-Sydney alumnus and of another member of the Hampden-Sydney faculty. The two are James P. Selvage, '25, prominent public relations executive of New York, and David C. Wilson, retiring dean of the College and professor of Greek.

The entries are as follows:

SELVAGE, JAMES PRESTON, pub. relations exec.; b. Louisville, Sept. 7, 1902; son Charles J. and Mary (Hollis) S.; student Hampden-Sydney Coll., 1921-22; m. Evelyn Harris, June 11, 1927; 1 son, James Preston; m. 2d, Helen Billups, Dec. 31, 1948. Newspaper reporter, ed. Richmond (Va.) *Times-Dispatch*, Charlotte (N. C.) *Observer*, *Charlotte News*, 1923-28; Washington



James P. Selvage, '25

corr. Asso. Press, 1929-33; asst. exec. v. p. Nat. Assn. Mfrs., 1933-38; sr. partner pub. relations counsel Selvage, Lee & Chase since 1939; pres. French & Preston, Inc., advt., since 1946. Alternate del. Rep. Nat. Conv., 1940, asst. to chmn. Rep. Nat. Com., 1943-44, Decorated Comdr. Knights of White Rose (Finland). Mem. Publ. Relations Soc. Am. (treas. 1951-52). Theta Chi Clubs: Metropolitan (N. Y. C.); Metropolitan, National Press (Washington). Co-author: Making the Annual Report Speak for Industry, 1938. Home: R. D. 1, Flemington, N. J. Office: 1 E. 43rd St., N. Y. C.

WILSON, DAVID COOPER, coll. dean; b. Clarinda, Ia., Jan. 30, 1882; s. David C. and Abigail (Thome) w.; A.B., Princeton, 1904, A.M., 1910; Ph.D., U. Mich., 1928; m. Mary Scott Spencer, Aug. 8, 1916; 1 son, David Spencer. Prof. Greek Whitworth (Wash.) Coll., 1904-06; tchr. Latin and Greek Broadway High Sch., Seattle, 1906-09; prof. Latin Sterling (Kan.) Coll., 1913-14; asso. headmaster Moran Sch. for Boys, Seattle, 1914-21; prof. Greek Hampden-Sydney Coll. since 1923, dean since 1939. Mem. Mid-West, South classical assns. Presbyn. Club; Lions. Home: Hampden-Sydney, Va.

These entries are in addition to that of Charles A. Barrell, '31, reported in an earlier issue of THE RECORD.



Books By Alumni

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK AND ITS MEANING FOR TODAY, by Ernest Trice Thompson, '14; John Knox Press, Richmond, Va., 1954; 255 pp.; \$2.95.

Those who are familiar with Dr. Thompson's Sunday School lessons in the *Presbyterian Outlook* will find this book much in the same helpful vein. It is a running commentary on the story of Jesus as told by Mark. Useful section headings make it an easy book to consult.

But the salient feature, as the title indicates, is the author's ability to apply the gospel record to the life of today. Sometimes this is done by rewriting the ancient words in modern terms, as in this comment on the passage reading "I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and

the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off . . .":

We are apt to miss the significance of these words because the implements of war have been so drastically altered. Translated into modern terms it would read, "And I will do away with tanks and pursuit planes and bombers; and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from Washington to the ends of the earth."

Other times, the immediacy lies in relating Mark's narrative to general and universal truths:

For, religion, or at least what passes for religion, does sometimes harden men's hearts today. This is apt to be the case, particularly, when men like the Pharisees identify religion with acceptance of orthodox beliefs or with the observance of outward forms. Such men, like the Pharisees, do at times become harsh, vindictive, unjust, and bitter toward those whom they regard as unorthodox and impious. It is unfortunate. For in the eyes of the world religious hatred is an unpardonable sin. And Christians who are uncharitable toward their opponents or harsh in their treatment of them, or indifferent to genuine human needs, have done true religion incalculable harm.

Or again:

It is plain, then, from Scripture and experience, that we cannot draw upon the power of Jesus to rid ourselves from all the ills of life. If we could, the world with its natural laws would cease to serve God's purpose, the creation of moral character.

The power which faith in Jesus releases in our lives is spiritual power, a power whose fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control: a power which enables us to overcome anxiety, fear, despair, selfishness, hatred, sin, and finally death. This is in accordance with His purpose. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Dr. Thompson is professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, and co-editor of *The Presbyterian Outlook*. He is the author of four earlier books: *The Changing South, Changing Emphases in American Preaching, The Sermon on the Mount and Its Meaning for Today* (referred to in the May 22 *New Yorker*), and *Presbyterian Missions in the Southern United States*.



New Quarters For The Infirmary

The most noticeable physical change of the summer is the remodeling of the "old gym" into an infirmary. This will provide more spacious quarters for the medical services and at the same time release the present infirmary building, situated back of the Administration Building, for use as a faculty home—an urgent need.

The new infirmary will contain six wards, a treatment room, a waiting room, a doctor's room, a nurse's room, a nurse's apartment, and lavatory and showers.

A second floor, with twelve large rooms and one small one, will provide dormitory facilities for twenty-five students. A new heating plant is being installed in the building.

Both floors will be entirely distinct and separate from the front part of the building, which now contains the alumni offices, a reception suite, and professors' quarters.

The work is being done by the Taylor Construction Company, of Farmville, and will be completed about September 1.

ALUMNI NOTES

1906

The Reverend R. D. Bedinger has become the executive secretary of Birmingham Presbytery. For many years he was the superintendent of home missions for Central Mississippi Presbytery, Jackson, Mississippi.

Stuart Bland Campbell, Wytheville, Virginia, was elected president of the University of Virginia Law School alumni at the commencement meeting of that group in Charlottesville on June 12. Mr. Campbell has long been active in state legal and political circles. In June, 1953, he was elected to membership in the Eta of Virginia Chapter, Phi Beta Kappa, at Hampden-Sydney.

1908

Dr. Frank S. Johns was among those who attended the sectional meeting of the American College of Surgeons in London, England, in May. He and Mrs. Johns, who accompanied him, spent the entire month abroad.

1910

Dr. Wyndham B. Blanton has retired as director of the immunology clinic at the Medical College of Virginia. This clinic was organized by Dr. Blanton in 1936 as the Department of Immunology, and was planned by him in consultation with Dr. William Branch Porter, physician-in-chief at the hospital. Since its organization the department has become one of the largest of its kind at any medical college in the country. It accommodates seventy-five patients a day.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution, Dr. Blanton's associates in the clinic gave a dinner in his honor at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond in late May. As a token of their friendship and admiration for his conduct of the clinic during the past eighteen years, his associates presented Dr. Blanton with a silver bowl.

Although Dr. Blanton is giving up direction of the clinic, he will remain on the Medical College of Virginia faculty as clinical professor of medicine.

Dr. Blanton was the principal speaker at the banquet meeting of the Southern Surgeons' Club, convening in Richmond during May. His topic was "Virginia's Priorities in Medicine."

1917

The Reverend and Mrs. P. Lee Palmore have spent the past year on furlough from missionary work in Kobe, Japan. Mr. Palmore, who is a native of Richmond, and his wife plan to return to their work in Japan in midsummer. Their daughter is a missionary with her husband, Dr. Raleigh H. Pickard, in Kolar, South India. Their elder son, Peyton L. Palmore, III, also will go to Japan this summer with his bride to begin their career as missionaries. The Palmores are missionaries of the Methodist Church.

1923

Dr. Graham Gordon Lacy, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., was the speaker for the Spring Religious Emphasis series of services at the College this spring. Dr. Lacy was also the speaker for a Holy Week series at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Richmond. While on the Hill he was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar G. Gammon.

Dr. Abner Robertson, executive director of the Virginia association for Mental Health, was principal guest at the organization meeting of the Waynesboro chapter of this body held in Waynesboro on May 16. Dr. Robertson noted that the ultimate aim of the association is to form a number of chapters in Virginia which will provide for a traveling guidance clinic.

1924

Meeting in Waynesboro, Virginia, on May 22, the Seventh District Democrats nominated Representative

Burr P. Harrison as candidate for the House of Representatives in the November 2 general election. More than five hundred delegates and alternates from the fourteen counties and five cities of the district gathered in the Waynesboro High School auditorium to support the incumbent representative. Mr. Harrison resigned the judgeship of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit to run for the House in 1946. He was elected and has been returned each term since. Mr. Harrison gave the Commencement address here at the College at the 1949 Commencement.

Professor Morris Henry Bittinger was awarded a 1954 Economics-In-Action Fellowship for a special summer study program at Chase Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio, from June 20 to July 30. Fifty such fellowships were awarded to college and university instructors.

1925

Dr. Frank D. Costenbader, Washington, D. C., a pioneer in the field of pediatric ophthalmology, gave the annual address by an alumnus on the University of Virginia Medical Alumni Day scientific program in Charlottesville on June 11. He reviewed new concepts in the field of pediatric ophthalmology in the light of his own experience in that subject.

Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws to James P. Selvage, of Flemington, New Jersey, at its June fifth commencement. Mr. Selvage is a partner in Selvage, Lee & Chase, public relations, New York City.

1926

The April issue of the *Virginia Journal of Education* features an article on "Problems in Guidance—Industrial and Business Practicum" accompanied by a picture of teachers and business officials. One of the members of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company pictured is Gordon Clark, District traffic Manager.

1927

The Virginia Association of Insurance Agents, meeting in Richmond in late May, elected Giles M. Robertson as secretary-treasurer.

1929

Richard P. Alvey, Jr., recently served as chairman of the Richmond Citizen's Association's committee to map plans for the block-by-block drive in the city election. Mr. Alvey, who headed the nine-man committee, worked actively on the city committee in the election of Governor John S. Battle and with the Virginia Democrats for Eisenhower.

Mr. Alvey, assistant divisional sales manager for a cement manufacturer, is a member of the board of directors and of the executive committee of the Richmond Area chapter of the American Red Cross, a lieutenant-colonel in the industrial division of the Community Chest and a past vice president of the Optimist Club. He resigned from the post of senior engineer with the State Highway Department in 1942 to become affiliated with the cement concern. Mr. Alvey is a member of the Board of Directors of the Builders Exchange, past president of the Hampden-Sydney Alumni Association, past secretary-treasurer of the Virginia Chapter, SAE, a past member of the board of directors of the West Richmond Business Men's Association, and a member of the Virginia Building Materials Association.

Mr. Alvey is married to the former Miss Lucy Kemper of Danville, and has a daughter, Nancy Winston. He is a member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Henry W. McLaughlin, Jr., was elected chairman of the newly organized Planning Commission for the town of Halifax, Virginia. This commission was created to study and make recommendations to Town Council on problems concerning growth and zoning in this rapidly growing community. Mr. McLaughlin attended the recent commencement exercises at the College.

1930

Herbert C. Bradshaw, associate editor of the Durham (North Carolina) *Herald-Sun*, was the speaker at the commencement exercises of the Farmville High School on Tuesday, June 8.

1932

The Virginia Journal of Education, April 1954, pictures Robert A. McChesney, principal of Wilson Memorial High School, Fishersville, in conference with R. C. Haydon, Coordinator of In-Service Education at Madison College.

1933

Dr. James R. Sydnor, Richmond, Virginia, is one of three Richmonders who have had a part in the selection among 200,000 Christian hymns and Psalms of those which are to be included in a new Pan-Presbyterian and Reformed Church hymnal expected to be published by the fall of 1955.

1934

Dr. Robert T. Brumfield, professor of biology at Longwood College, has been appointed to the Research Committee of the Virginia Academy of Sciences for a four-year term.

Representing the biological sciences on the committee, Dr. Brumfield is heading a research project on the protection of living cells from the effects of radiation, which was established at Longwood College under a grant from the Atomic Energy Commission.

Dr. F. A. Sines, Charleston, West Virginia, was recently installed as president of the Kanawha Valley Dental Society.

James M. Smith, Jr., Assistant Manager of Pharmaceutical Research with the American Cyanamid Company, Bound Brook, New Jersey, writes: "We now have three children, James, aged 12, Margery, aged 8, and Barry aged 6. We drove through Hampden-Sydney two years ago just to let them see where I had gone to school but we did not have time to stop. This year is my fifteenth year with American Cyanamid Company."

In a recent letter to Mr. Atkinson, Peterfield Trent writes: "I regret that I was unable to attend the 20th anniversary reunion of my class . . . I am still connected with Neighborhood Theatres in Richmond as personnel director and see many Hampden-Sydney alumni each week on Main Street."

1936

D. Mott Robertson has been appointed principal of Venable School, largest elementary school in Charlottesville, Virginia. Mr. Robertson was formerly principal of the high school in Wytheville, Virginia.

1937

George Andrew Anderson is at the present time serving as Dean of Students at Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina. He has been professor of Bible there for several years and will serve in the capacity of Dean of Students until a new Dean is secured.

1939

Walter W. Tower, engineer in the Special Armament Systems Engineering Department of the Sperry Gyroscope Company of Great Neck, New York, presented a paper entitled "The Role of Stereo in '3-D' Radar Indicating Systems" at the National Convention I. R. E. held in New York City during March.

Dr. Kelley K. Davis has moved from Charlottesville, Virginia, where he graduated at the University of Virginia Medical School. His present address is 6 Wellesley Avenue, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

The Reverend William W. Williamson has accepted a call to the pastorate of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. He succeeds the Reverend Harry Fifield, who resigned last April to accept a pastorate in Atlanta.

Mr. Williamson, a native of Danville, is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary. He did graduate work there under a Walter W. Moore Scholarship. His pastorates have included the First Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth, and Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Since 1949 he has served as pastor of the Paducah, Kentucky, Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Williamson is the former Miss Virginia Collier, of Carlisle, Kentucky. They have two sons and a daughter.

1940

Virgil R. May, Jr., M.D., of Richmond, Virginia, was elected to membership in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in January. At the January meeting of the Academy held in Chicago, he presented a paper and movie entitled "Hip Prosthesis for Diseased Hip Joints." Dr. May has offices at 2222 Monument Avenue, Richmond.

After leaving Hampden-Sydney, Dr. May was awarded his degree at Medical College of Virginia and later attended Northwestern University on a Fellowship in Orthopaedic Surgery. During World War II he served as Captain with the Medical Corps, United States Army.

In 1943, Dr. May was married to Miss Ella S. Stowe. They have four children, Linda Jean, Robert Allen, Virgil Robert III, and Sherri.

The Reverend James G. Thompson, pastor of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, was the baccalaureate speaker on Sunday, June 6, at the Brookville High School exercises in that city.

The Reverend W. Holt Souder, assistant rector of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia, had the honor of escorting Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower from the church following the service on Sunday morning, May tenth.

The Reverend J. Davison Phillips has become the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia. He was formerly the pastor in Thomasville, Georgia.

1941

Theodore G. Offterdinger has been appointed Assistant Personnel Director of the Lynchburg Foundry Company, Lynchburg, Virginia. Mr. Offterdinger has been Safety Director since 1951 and prior to this he held positions of Foundry Clerk and Personnel Assistant. He was employed by the Company in 1941.

The Reverend Thomas T. Traynham, pastor of the Franklin, Virginia, Presbyterian Church, has accepted a call effective June 15, to Oxford, North Carolina.

Cecil M. Hunt, Sweetbriar, Virginia, was elected first vice president of the Virginia branch of the National League of District Postmasters at the meeting of the group held in Roanoke on May twenty-fifth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter Raiford, Victoria, Virginia, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to David Marvin Turner, Jr., of Washington. Miss Raiford is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College. After graduating at Hampden-Sydney, Mr. Turner

did graduate work at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. J. Luckin Bugg, Jr., is spending this summer at the University of Virginia on a Research Grant Scholarship. Dr. Bugg, after six years at the University of Missouri, has been promoted to the position of Associate Professor of History at that institution. In the late spring he was initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary leadership society.

1942

Virginia's lone participant in the historic Doolittle raid over Tokyo twelve years ago, **Major Jacob E. (Jack) Manch**, has returned to this country after having fought in the Korean war. He is at present operations officer at Nellie Air Force Base, Nevada.

The Reverend Ira B. Watson, Jr., has been released to inactive duty from the Navy Chaplaincy and is now pastor of the Prentiss Park Presbyterian Church, in Portsmouth, Virginia. His address is 2119 Des Moines Avenue.

The Reverend and Mrs. R. K. Robinson and son Peter were visitors on the Hill on June 3. Mr. Robinson, "Tiger" missionary, has just returned to the States from Korea, and plans to return in September with his wife, son Peter, and two younger children, Dorothy and Robert. He spoke enthusiastically of his work in Korea and the new opportunities he was facing there upon his return in the Fall.

1943

The Reverend A. D. Ellison, Jr., formerly of Prenter, West Virginia, has become the pastor of the Westminster Church, Charleston, West Virginia. Mr. Ellison is a graduate of Louisville Theological Seminary.

1944

Charles A. Blanton, II, is the secretary-treasurer of the newly organized Orion Sales Corporation, and Orion Industries, Incorporated, of Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Blanton is a member of the law firm of Parker, Neal, Harris and Knowles, and serves as membership chairman of the Virginia Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association.

1945

Ernest P. Gates, assistant Commonwealth's attorney of Chesterfield County, has been appointed vice chairman of the Chesterfield County Savings Bond Committee. The appointment was made by Colgate W. Darden, Jr., State chairman. Mr. Gates will assist Chairman William L. Ellis of Colonial Heights, in meeting Chesterfield's quota of \$95,000 for 1954.

1946

The marriage of **Charles Merriam** and Miss E. Van Tongeren took place in the Town Hall of Amsterdam, Holland, on Tuesday, June first. The Merriams home address is 1320 Regentstreet, Schenectady, New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Carlisle Anderson of Chatham have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Anderson Crutchfield, to **David Lindsay Ferguson** of Washington, D. C. A late summer wedding is planned.

As a former president (1951-52) of the Richmond Opera Group, **Jack Adams** appeared in songs and scenes from former productions of this group at the Opera Ball given in the John Marshall hotel in mid-April.

1947

Miss Sallie Wilson Lacy, daughter of **Professor** and Mrs. **O. Wilson Lacy**, made her appearance on April fifth in the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia. Professor Lacy is a member of the faculty of the college.

Robert P. Stickley, Jr., of Lynchburg, Virginia, has recently been elected treasurer of the Lynchburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

1948

Roger W. Dudley writes the following information in a letter to the Alumni Office: "Since the first of the year I have been with the College of William and Mary as press and publications secretary. The position carries with it two other titles—Managing Editor of the alumni magazine and assistant to the director of alumni and information. Consequently, I am gaining an insight into the trials and tribulations of alumni work and can lend a sympathetic ear to your troubles with persons such as I who just won't do what they're supposed to do."

Mr. Dudley was formerly a reporter for the Winston-Salem Journal in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

McHenry Peters, Jr., of Lynchburg, Virginia, received his B.S. degree in 1949 from the University of Virginia and in the fall of 1950 entered the University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which school he graduated in June, 1954.

In his Junior Year he was one of five students to be elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, honorary medical society. He is a member of Phi Chi Medical fraternity. After graduation Dr. Peters will intern at Philadelphia General Hospital.

Thomas Edward Gilmer, III, was born in the University of North Carolina Hospital, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on April 24, 1954. His weight was seven pounds two ounces. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Edward Gilmer, Jr.**, are living in Chapel Hill, where Mr. Gilmer is working on his doctor's degree in physics. The proud grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Gilmer, '23, of Hampden-Sydney.

1949

The engagement of Miss Mary Blackwell Copland and **Harvey Ratcliffe Turner** has been announced by Miss Copland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Copland of "North Bend," Charles City. Miss Copland attended St. Catherine's School and Converse College. Mr. Turner is a graduate of the T. C. Williams Law School of the University of Richmond. The wedding will take place in the fall.

Grant C. Sipp was a visitor on the Hill during the last week in May. He is now serving as agent in New Jersey for the Nutrilite Food Products, with a large sales staff under his direction. His home address is 98 Crescent Ave., Wyckoff, New Jersey.

1950

J. Barrye Wall, Jr., Farmville lawyer, was the commencement speaker for the graduation exercises at the Farmville Elementary School on Monday, June 7. Mr. Wall is serving as Chairman of the Prince Edward County Bicentennial celebration during this year.

Robert T. (Bob) Hutchison, in a recent letter to the RECORD, painted a graphic picture of his life in a sleepy little Hawaiian-Samoan village, Laie, on the island of Oahu, forty miles from Honolulu. Here he seems to have found the answer to the happy life in the one year he has spent on the islands.

In describing the fifty-year-old Symphony Orchestra of Honolulu he writes: "There are upwards of eighty-five musicians in it. There are near as many races and mixtures of races represented as there are members. One violinist is Hawaiian-Spanish-German-English-Danish-French. A recent rehearsal roll call showed one dozen Japanese, six Chinese, three Koreans, three Filipinos and three Polynesians. They have a regular series of subscription concerts as do the orchestras on the mainland. This year, for the first time in the islands, they performed Beethoven's Ninth with a chorus of 200 voices . . . It is impossible to recap a year spent in this land of which Mark Twain once wrote: 'the loveliest fleet of islands anchored in any ocean'."

An August wedding is being planned for Miss Betty Ann McFadden and **the Reverend Collier Smith Harvey, Jr.**

Miss McFadden, the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Samuel Edgar McFadden, of Tupelo, Mississippi, is a graduate of Southwestern at Memphis, Tennessee, and is at present attending the Assembly's Training School in Richmond. Mr. Harvey is serving as pastor of the Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in Augusta County.

Samuel B. Ryburn, an honor graduate in the June class at the Medical College of Virginia, has been awarded an internship at the Medical College for this year.

Charles R. (Buddy) Hughes, Jr., of Roanoke will be president of the student body of Union Seminary in Richmond for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Goode, Jr., of Chase City, Virginia, have announced the birth of a daughter, Ellen Gregory, on March 3, 1954.

The Goodes are now living in New Bramsfels, Texas, where Mr. Goode is serving his fourth and last year with the Air Forces, stationed at Randolph Field, Texas.

John Vansant of Chatham, Virginia, graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine in June, 1953, and is now interning at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, where he and Mrs. Vansant are making their home.

Under the title "Pan-American Union Announces New Development" the following unique announcement was made on March 20: "After nine months of negotiations the representative of the United States of Brazil, Sra. Helene Cortez Harrison and the representative of the United States of America, **Mr. Randolph Harrison**, announce the formation of a joint project, Nathanael Randolph Harrison. Although this was not a very weighty matter (seven pounds, five and three quarter ounces) it will go far in cementing the already cordial relations of the two countries. The final negotiations were concluded on March 19, 1954, at 3:58 P. M., at the Norfolk General Hospital under the watchful eyes of Drs. Mason C. Andrews and William C. Andrews, technical advisers. Senhora Harrison expressed her joy with typical Brazilian enthusiasm. When asked what he thought about the matter, Mr. Harrison said, "No doubt many changes will have to be made, but I am more than satisfied."

Letcher B. Barnes has been selected for appointment to a Naval internship, following his graduation from the Medical College of Virginia at its June commencement. In a letter to Dr. Gammon, Lieutenant Commander Eugene E. Bracken, Officer in Charge, United States Navy, writes: "We are pleased to inform you that one of your former students, Letcher B. Barnes, has been selected for appointment to a Naval internship. Dr. Barnes was one of a small group selected from the entire country, and the College may be justly proud of so well qualified a representative."

The February issue of *The Peepovian*, official magazine of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, carried a feature article on **Carter Coghill**. Mr. Coghill has been with the company since July, 1953, as a member of the training program. Prior to that time he taught school in Nelson and Albemarle counties.

The engagement of Miss Alele Taylor of Lumberton, North Carolina, and Mr. Coghill has been announced. An October wedding is planned. Mr. Coghill's address in Richmond is 6808 Edmonstone Avenue.

Preston Sawyer, Jr., of Norfolk, Virginia, graduated in early April from the Navy's Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island.

1951

Mr. and Mrs. Justo Pastor Rivera of Santurce, Puerto Rico, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan Ellen, of Richmond, to **Clement Jay Robbins, III**, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clement Jay Robbins, Jr., of Bath, New York.

Miss Rivera is a graduate of Virginia Interment College and Radford College. Mr. Robbins is at present attending the

Medical College of Virginia School of Medicine. The wedding will take place in August.

Walter V. Moore, Jr., graduated from the University of Richmond Law School in June. He was named the recipient of a \$200 first prize as winner of the 1954 will draftsmanship contest sponsored by the Virginia Trust Company. Prize awards are based on the best wills submitted by students to meet a given set of hypothetical facts. While attending Law school Mr. Moore was a member of the McNeill Law Society and became a member of the Virginia Bar.

As Station Manager of Radio Station WFLO in Farmville, **John Wilson** has received the National Safety Council's Public Interest Award for 1953. The award was the only one presented in Virginia, and is one of seventy-two made to radio stations and of seventeen to television stations in the United States. The presentation was made by S. L. Campbell, field representative for the Governor's Highway Safety Committee.

Ernest C. Fisher has recently moved from Huntington, West Virginia, to Alexandria, Virginia. He is now employed by the Willys Motors, a subsidiary of the Kaiser Corporation in the Electronics Division. This company is engaged in making secret material for the United States Navy. His address is 17 E. Masonic View Avenue in Alexandria.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Eric Kemp have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ann Litchford, to **William Ervin DesPortes**, son of Mrs. Eugene Surry DesPortes and the late Mr. DesPortes, of Richmond. Miss Kemp is a graduate of Longwood College. Mr. DesPortes is attending the Medical College of Virginia.

Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Overton and **John Alastair Robertson** were married on Saturday, April 24, in Staunton, Virginia. Mrs. Robertson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Montague Overton.

The marriage of Miss Martha Ann Poindexter, daughter of Mrs. Emmett Hawkins Poindexter of Frederick Hall and the late Mr. Poindexter, to **Robert Vance Hatcher, Jr.**, of Richmond, took place on Tuesday, May 4, in the Bethpage Christian Church, Frederick Hall. Ushers included J. Meade Wright, '51, and Charles M. Dietz, '52.

Edward P. Kinney, Jr., of Roanoke, Virginia, received his commission as Ensign in the United States Navy at Newport, Rhode Island, in early April.

The Reverend **Arthur Heath Light** was ordained to the Order of Deacons at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chatham, Virginia, on June 11. Mr. Light, first member of Emmanuel Church to enter the ministry in more than fifty years, was assigned to serve as deacon-in-charge of St. James Church and Christ Church Chapel, Boynton; St. Timothy's Church, Clarksville; and St. John's Church in Chase City. Mr. Light was graduated in June from Virginia Episcopal Seminary.

Dr. John Henry Moling, III, and Miss Dorothy Lee Parkinson were married on Saturday, June 12, in the Wythe Presbyterian Church, Hampton, Virginia. After a reception in the Monroe Room of Hotel Chamberlin, Old Point Comfort, the couple left for a wedding trip. They will make their home in Cleveland, Ohio.

1952

A wedding scheduled for late summer is that of Miss Katherine Lindsay Short, of Hopewell, to **William Turkington Clarke**, of Richmond. Miss Short is a graduate of St. Catherine's School and Hollins College. Mr. Clarke is attending the Medical School of the University of Virginia.

Lawrence W. Avent, June graduate from Union Theological Seminary, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church in Providence Forge. He was ordained on June 6.

Robert Watkins King, Jr., and Miss Ann Durham Lancaster were married on Friday, June 4, in Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church, Wilson, North Carolina. Mrs. King is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Manson Webb Crute of Wilson. Mr. King is a lieutenant, junior grade, in the United States Naval Reserve.

Lieutenant David C. MacMichael, U. S. M. C., has been assigned to duty at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. He was discharged in March from Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he had been since August, 1952. He was wounded in the left side and arm during the fighting at Boulder City, Korea, on July 21, five days before firing ceased. He had been in Korea only since July 11.

In April, 1952, Lieutenant MacMichael was with the Marines taking part in the atomic bomb test at Frenchman's Flat, Nevada.

His marriage to Miss Martha Ostrander of Twin Falls, Idaho, was to take place in the early summer.

Clarence A. Holland of Windsor, Virginia, received his commission as Ensign in the United States Navy, in ceremonies at Newport, Rhode Island, in early April, after four months of training there.

Ensign Marcellus Emron Waddill spent several days at his home near Hampden-Sydney in late April prior to sailing for a new assignment in Japan. At the present time he is attached to the Harbor Defense Unit in Yokosuka, Japan. His address is Navy No. 3923 F. P. O., P. M. San Francisco, California.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Flournoy, Jr., of Santiago, Chile, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Bruce, to **Basil McVoy Duncan, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan of Virginia Beach. Miss Flournoy is a graduate of Holton Arms School, Washington, and is at present attending Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont. The wedding is scheduled for late summer.

Richard McIlwaine Frazer, Jr., writes from Seoul in early April: "I have been clerk-typing in Seoul a long time now and should be coming home in the next few months . . . I am applying for admission to Columbia next year to take up the study of library work." In a later letter he writes: "My boat sails on May 16th. I have been here sixteen months at Headquarters Eighth Army and have been on R. & R. in Japan twice. The last time I ran into Ernie Fisher ('51), who was one of my roommates at Hampden-Sydney . . . Perhaps my interest in library work goes back to my great-uncle, Henry McIlwaine ('85), who became State Librarian after teaching English and History at Hampden-Sydney."

1953

Edwin Stanfield was chosen for a plaque and trophy award by the Longwood Players for his 1952-53 performance in "The Glass Menagerie." This plaque and trophy award is a new project of the drama group. Members of the Players voted to make the elections retroactive to 1951, the year that the new auditorium was completed and opened for the students' use. He was also chosen as the best actor in 1951-52.

Ensign William Tayloe Murphy, Jr., of Warsaw, Virginia, was among the graduates at the Navy's Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island, early in April. He was there for an intensive four-months training.

Ensign Colbert M. Tyler, of Newport News, Virginia, also graduated from the Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island, in April.

Ensign Richard C. Edmunds, Jr., writes often to friends on the Hill. From Greece he says: "Am now suffering in the cold weather of Salonica. Took a trip to the ruins of Philippi and also to Amphipolis. Very interesting. Rugged country here. Very few forests so wood is a very much desired commodity for heat." In March he writes from Rome: "I have finally reached the summit. Three days in Rome is not long enough, but better than nothing. I have never been

so awed so many times in my life. St. Peter's is like being in another world. I couldn't believe it. I only hope my movies turn out."

Among the Marine second lieutenants completing the five-month officers' basic course at the Marine Corps School in Quantico, Virginia, in the early spring were several Hampden-Sydney graduates:

Robert L. Saffelle, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Saffelle of Emporia, Virginia, upon graduation was assigned to Marine Corps School, Quantico.

Ronald S. Polk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Polk of Huntington, West Virginia, has been assigned to Camp Pendleton, California.

James S. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Epes Harris of Blackstone, Virginia, has been assigned to the 2nd Marine Air Wing, Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Sheppard K. Ames, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard K. Ames of Cape Charles, Virginia, has been assigned to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

Lieutenant Ames has made a contribution of a portfolio of Italian paintings to the Fine Arts Department of the college. He writes: ". . . I have just received these from the Art Treasures of the World. I enjoy these Italian selections but not quite as much as I hope some pupils of the Fine Arts class will. Besides I must admit that it appears to be a stranger among my collection of Cezanne, Van Gogh, Manet, and Toulouse-Lautrec. The life of a Marine here at Camp LeJeune isn't home to me, but then don't guess I should complain, Korea must be worse."

Private John Bruce James, Richmond, Virginia, has graduated from the United States Army Military Police School at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and is now stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. His address is US 52307224 808 Military Police Company, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

1954

Edward Stewart Robertson and Miss Jeanne Virginia Beekh were married on Saturday, June 12, in St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Robertson is the son of Rev. Dr. Abner Robertson, '23, and Mrs. Robertson. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Karl Beekh. The father of the groom served as best man. Groomsmen included Bruce Robertson, '56, Fred Hodges, '53, William Boinest, '55, Albert C. Ford, '53, Joe Maupin, '54, and Ford Zehmer, '54. After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will make their home in Fredericksburg.

Others

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Emerson Willard of Wilmington, North Carolina, have announced the birth of a son, Albert Emerson Willard, Jr., on Thursday, May 27. The young man weighed six pounds thirteen ounces. Mrs. Willard will be remembered as Miss Elizabeth White, who was employed in the Hampden-Sydney Library from 1950-51. She is a sister of Mrs. Joseph W. Whitted.

Professor Woodrow Wilson Gordon, former instructor in English and French at Hampden-Sydney, has resigned as principal of James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg. He has been appointed administrative assistant to the Chesterfield County Superintendent.

NECROLOGY

YOUNG. Dr. Thomas Kay Young, '08, died in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 23, 1954. The son of William Wilson and Elizabeth Kay Young, he was born in Sewell, Fayette County, West Virginia, on December 17, 1885. In 1911 he married Harriet Rebecca Cox of Farmville, Virginia. She died in July, 1939. Four children were born to this union: Tom Kay, William Benjamin, Helen L. (Mrs. David Gibson), and Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Dunlap Cannon). In 1942 Dr. Young was married to Mrs. Estelle Bond Neusum of Memphis.

Dr. Young was educated at Hampden-Sydney, Washington and Lee University, and Union Theological Seminary. Honorary degrees were conferred upon him by Hampden-Sydney and Southwestern. Following his ordination, he served pastorates in Logan and Holden, West Virginia; Lexington, Roanoke, and Covington, Virginia, and in 1930 went to the Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, where he remained until his death. During his last pastorate the church grew in membership from eleven hundred to twenty-five hundred members. It was in this church that the greatest work of his life was accomplished.

In the Southern Presbyterian Church, Dr. Young held numerous positions of greatest importance and on its key committees and commissions he served with distinction. In 1945 he was elected Moderator of the General Assembly. At the time of his death he was Chairman of the Board of World Missions.

Dr. Young was considered one of Memphis' most prominent citizens and as one of its most eloquent preachers. He had a superb command of English and his sermons were models of precision and construction. But his pulpit style never overshadowed his sincerity and deep religious convictions—a heritage from his Scotch ancestors. It has been said that Dr. Young had a part in every phase of community betterment activities. As a pastor, he was a tireless and vigorous worker. His like probably does not exist within his denomination today.

Dr. Young was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honorary society and Kappa Sigma social fraternity. He starred in football, wrestling, and boxing.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Dr. Thomas Kay Young, Jr., M.D.; his daughters, Mrs. David Gibson and Mrs. Dunlap Cannon of Memphis; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Doerr of Peru, Indiana; a brother, Robert W. Young, Covington, Virginia, and seven grandchildren.

The Presbyterian Outlook pays the following tribute to Dr. Young: "His transparent honesty, his kind and understanding manner, his courageous devotion to the truth, his willingness to stand bravely for his convictions . . . all these and more endeared him to our people and made him one of our greatest leaders. In such a time, we can be grateful for his tremendous service among us and pray that God will raise up among us more leaders of his stature and spirit."

PRICE. The Reverend Philip Frank Price, '85, died at his home in Florence, South Carolina, on Monday, May 10, 1954, following a long illness. Dr. Price was a former moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and a father of the 1953-54 moderator, Dr. Frank W. Price.

Dr. Price was born in Richmond, Virginia, on July 2, 1864. Graduating from Hampden-Sydney and from Union Theological Seminary, he was ordained in 1889 by Montgomery Presbytery. He immediately went to China as a missionary and served his church in this capacity until the war-enforced evacuation in 1941. For twenty-nine years he was a professor in the Nanking Theological Seminary, teaching theology and homiletics. He also acted as pastor of the English-speaking church in Nanking.

In 1892 he was married to Esther Eckard Wilson of Sumter County, South Carolina. To them were born the following children: the Reverend Frank Wilson Price, D.D.; Philip Bar-

bour Price, M.D., Julian Pleasants Price, M.D., John Leighton Price (deceased), and Harry Bayard Price. Since 1941 the Prices have made their home in Florence, South Carolina.

Dr. Price was the author of several books, including "Short Steps To Great Truths," "Catechisms of Old and New Testaments," "Wayside Trace Series," "Evangelistic Hymn-Book," all in Chinese, and "Our China Investment" in English. He also wrote a great many articles through more than sixty years for the pages of *The Christian Observer*.

In an editorial tribute to Dr. Price, *The Presbyterian Outlook* says: "P. Frank Price was a man with whose name the word 'saint' did not seem incongruous. To be sure, in our common speech we have given the word a meaning which is foreign to the New Testament idea—all the Christians were saints—so that only rarely do we apply the term. For Dr. Price, however, it was the natural thing to do . . . He was alive and alert to all that enters into our experience. He was a man of prayer and peace; he was also a champion of just causes and a battler for the right . . . For what he was, what he did and for what his continuing influence means to our church, we can be grateful to God."

Funeral services were held in Florence, South Carolina, with interment in Lexington, Virginia.

HOPKINS. The Reverend Abner Crump Hopkins, '88, died at his home in Charlotte Courthouse, on Wednesday, May 26, following an extended illness.

Mr. Hopkins retired from the active ministry in 1940. A native of Charles Town, West Virginia, he has served pastorates in West Virginia, Hampton, and Buena Vista, before going to Charlotte Courthouse as pastor of the Village Presbyterian Church in 1924.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ethel Booker Hopkins; two sons, Abner Crump Hopkins, III, '30, of Kankakee, Illinois; and Marshall Booker Hopkins, '34, of Hartford, Connecticut; one daughter, Mrs. Q. C. Ayres, of Ames, Iowa; two sisters, Miss Mary M. Hopkins, of Charles Town, and Mrs. Robert A. White, of Mooresville, North Carolina; and six grandchildren.

Funeral rites were held in the Village Church on Friday, May 28, with burial in Charles Town.

JONES. Lemuel Roy Jones, '03, died at his home in Darlington, South Carolina, on April 14, 1954. For six years before his death he suffered with arthritis and heart complications. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Woods Dargan Jones.

Mrs. Jones, in writing to the Alumni office says: "More than ever since we moved to South Carolina have we enjoyed the ALUMNI RECORD. Although only a Virginian by marriage, I have long shared the alumni's pride in Hampden-Sydney, and wished I had a son to send to your fine college. May you continue to cherish its high standards of academic achievement, civic loyalty, and sterling character."

DAVIS. Jeddy L. Davis, '01, died at his home in Lakeland, Florida, on March 31, 1954.

OSTERGREN. O. Fred Ostergren, Jr., '24, died on Thursday, March 18, 1954, in Richmond, Virginia. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, March 20, with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Ostergren had operated a jewelry store in the John Marshall Hotel building in Richmond for a number of years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Virginia K. Ostergren; his mother, Mrs. O. F. Ostergren, Sr., two sisters, Mrs. Margaret O. Edwards, and Miss Ethel C. Ostergren; and one brother, John W. Ostergren.

BASKERVILL. Thornton Sampson Baskervill, '97, died on Wednesday, May 5, 1954, at the Southside Community Hospital in Farmville, Virginia. He had been stricken a few hours before his death while playing golf on the Longwood Golf Course.

Funeral services were held in the Seminary Cemetery at Hampden-Sydney on Friday afternoon, May 7, where the burial took place.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Carrie Irving Baskervill; four sons, T. S. Baskervill, Jr., '27, of Blue Ridge, Botetourt County; James L. Baskervill, '37, of Stony Creek, Sussex County; John R. Baskervill, '37, of Louisville, Kentucky; and William N. Baskervill, '42, of South Boston, Virginia; three daughters, Mrs. R. C. Platt, Jr., of Wilmington, North Carolina; Mrs. James Anderson, Jr., of Amelia, and Mrs. Peyton Jefferson of Victoria, Lunenburg County, and two sisters, Mrs. A. B. Robeson, Davidson, North Carolina, and Mrs. Elizabeth Baskervill of Orangeburg, South Carolina.

HURT. Heretofore unreported is the death of Samuel F. Hurt, '88, on October 10, 1953.

FERGUSON. Russell Godwin Fergusson, '20, died on Monday, March 15, 1954, in Richmond, Virginia. Funeral services were held at All Saints Episcopal Church with burial in Hollywood Cemetery.

Mr. Fergusson was fifty-seven years old at the time of his death. He was a native of Richmond, the son of the late Melville B. and Carrie Batcheller Fergusson. He was educated at McGuire's University School and Augusta Military Academy before coming to Hampden-Sydney College. During World War I he served in the Marine Corps.

At the time of his death, Mr. Fergusson was a partner in the firm of J. W. Fergusson & Sons, a Richmond printing company organized by his grandfather, John Wesley Fergusson, in 1845. Mr. Fergusson was a member of the Commonwealth Club, the Country Club of Virginia, the Society of Virginia Creepers, and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Craft Fergusson, a son, R. G. Fergusson, Jr., and a brother, Edgar Bruce Fergusson.

WHITE. William Wilson White, '16, died in Richmond, Virginia, on May 9, 1954. He was sixty years of age.

Mr. White has operated the Westhampton Pharmacy for twenty-nine years. He came to Richmond immediately after graduation from the Medical College of Virginia. Prior to this time he had attended Duke University. During World War I Mr. White had served with the Army overseas. He was a Master Mason, a member of Tuckahoe Lodge 347, AF&AM,

and a member of Theta Chi and Kappa Psi fraternities. He was a native of Chatham, Virginia.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Carl E. Bain, of Richmond; three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Fitzpatrick of Bedford, Mrs. J. H. Tabb of Farmville, and Mrs. R. H. Moore of Norfolk; a brother, Sandy White of Chatham, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Westhampton Baptist Church, with burial in Riverview Cemetery.

GILLESPIE. Charles Pepper Gillespie, '23, son of Barnes Gillespie and Ruth Pepper Gillespie, was born at Tazewell, Virginia, July 22, 1903. He died at Tazewell, March 10, 1954, after an illness of six months duration. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Marjorie Tower of South Orange, New Jersey, to whom he was married in 1932, and one daughter, Mrs. George J. (Jean Gillespie) Walker of Bluefield, West Virginia.

Pep Gillespie (for it was thus that his middle name was abbreviated to the one syllable by which he was generally known) grew up and received his elementary and high school education in Tazewell County. He entered Hampden-Sydney College with the class which finished there in 1923, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree at the completion of his four-year course at Hampden-Sydney. Following his academic education at Hampden-Sydney, he studied law at the University of Virginia, receiving his degree in law from that institution in 1926. He became a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity at Hampden-Sydney and of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity at the University of Virginia.

Following the completion of his professional education, Mr. Gillespie entered upon the practice of law at Tazewell, Virginia, and soon became a partner, along with his father, in the law firm of Greever and Gillespie. While continuing his interests in the law and its practice, other business interests gained a good part of his time and attention during the latter years of his life, during which period he acquired valuable interests in those industries, coal, timber, and farming, familiar to the area in which he lived.

During World War II, Mr. Gillespie served in the Supply Corps of the United States Naval Reserve, being commissioned as a Lieutenant in 1943 and completing his active duty service as a Lieutenant Commander in 1945.

Pep Gillespie was a capable lawyer and a man of fine business judgment. He had a uniquely attractive personality which caused him to be remembered with pleasure and warm regard by all who came in contact with him. His was a zest for living which made him a participant in many fields of activity. He was a skilled and enthusiastic sportsman, an active and effective official in his political party, and a loyal and generous member of the church to which he belonged. Through these various interests and activities, as well as in his business and professional life, he gained a wide circle of friends who regret his passing.

ATHLETICS

Baseballers Have Good Year

Diamond action around Death Valley this spring saw the Tigers go through their eighteen game schedule winning ten while dropping five. Three games had to be cancelled due to adverse weather.

The opposition this season had to be faced with only five pitchers, three of whom were freshmen. Veterans Tommy Glascock and John Oliver joined with first year men Eddie Siersema, Jimmy Taylor, and Ronnie Belton to handle the hurling duties for the Bengals. Despite the fact that they were greatly lacking in numbers, the pitching staff turned in creditable performances all season, and much of the Bengal success was due to their fine work.

A pretty consistent team all year, at no time did Hampden-Sydney lose twice in succession.

Coached by Claude Milam, the Presbyterians beat William and Mary and Bridgewater twice in addition to dropping Connecticut Wesleyan, Elon, Western Maryland, Richmond Professional Institute, and American, and splitting a doubleheader with Mount Saint Mary's. Losses came when arch-rival Randolph-Macon dumped the Milammen twice, and Richmond and Baltimore once each.

With five .300 plus hitters this season in Jess Griffin (.387), Jimmy Smith (.375), Bill Blair (.356), Dean Tester (.346), and Billy Snead (.313), the Tigers were quite a bit stronger on offense this season in comparison

with last season. Over all the team went to bat 499 times to collect 139 hits for a neat team average of .279.

On defense Hampden-Sydney again proved to be tough by turning in a .951 performance.

Of the team, Coach Milam had this to say: "I feel that the boys all did fine jobs, and that we did have a good season. I was really surprised with the way they hit, and I believe that if we had been a little stronger on the mound we would have done even better."

Catcher Bill Blair, co-captain and third baseman Dean Tester, second baseman Bill Snead, fielder Ford Zehner, and pitcher John Oliver will be lost through graduation and otherwise.



Track Interest On Increase

With track interest at its highest in years, Hampden-Sydney fielded a surprising team which copped four wins against a single loss in dual competition while placing second in the Mason-Dixon and Little Seven Conference meets. The only blot on the ledger was the loss to a highly regarded Roanoke team. Roanoke also took first places in both conference meets. Bengal victories came over Bridgewater, Randolph-Macon, William and Mary, and Norfolk Division W&M-VPI.

Coming up with a fairly well rounded team, the Tigers were very strong in the sprints and field events. In the distance races, however, they had to settle for mostly second and third places, as here the ranks were rather thin.

Freshman Mickey Moore of Clarksville proved to be quite a speedster in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, and joined Jim Overby, George Grinnan, and Bill Pauley on the relay team to set a new school record on May 8th at the Little Seven Meet. The Meet was held at Hampden-Sydney this season.

The weight team, one of the best in the state, was composed of three freshmen, Jim Frazer of Richmond, Jim Wiley, Salem, and Tommy Lee of Richmond. Frazer was high man on the point sheet this season with 50 points to his credit in dual competition. The season saw him set five new records.

In the hurdles, Bill French, Bill Trapnell, and Bob Gold proved to be point-getters, turning in some nice races during the season. French also did the pole-vaulting, and should develop into a fine competitor in this event. He is a freshman.

Joe Rushbrooke, a senior from Salem, did a fine job all season in the broad jump, and was constantly taking points for the Tiger cause.

With a year of experience under their belts, the approximately eight freshmen which participated this year should help make Hampden-Sydney an even bigger threat next season. All in all, 1955 should be a good year for the cindermen if they can come up with a little more power in the distance races.



Tennis

Hampden-Sydney's tennis team, headed by Coach Graves Thompson, again gave Tiger tennis fans an even

break by taking eight of their sixteen scheduled matches. At the same time, they won the State Little Six championship.

Faced with the problem of replacing four men lost through graduation in 1953, Coach Thompson rallied his forces to drop Richmond, Randolph-Macon, and Bridgewater twice while scoring single victories over George Washington and N. C. State. Losses came at the hands of VMI and Washington and Lee, which downed the Bengals twice, and Catholic University, William and Mary, Union Seminary, and Connecticut Wesleyan.

John Richards and Jimmy Slaydon, number one and three men respectively, played very good tennis all season, and were really tough to beat as the Tigers' number one doubles team.

Just how strong the net squad will be next season is hard to say, since five of the first six men on this year's team are scheduled for graduation. They are Captain Mickey Hoke of Emporia, Jimmy Slaydon, Hollins College, Ernie Thompson, Richmond, Carroll Melton, Norfolk, and Benny Vincent, Emporia.



Danville to be Site of Guilford Affray

Athletic Director Jim Hickey has announced that Hampden-Sydney's football game with Guilford College will be played in Danville this fall. Although a final date has not been agreed upon, the game will be a night affair and will be played either on October 19th or 20th.

The game will mark the first time in many years that the city has been host to collegiate football.



Football Preview Out in July

A preview of the 1954 Tiger football season is scheduled for release around the middle of July. The publication will contain player sketches, the schedule, records, and all information pertaining to the coming season. The book will be released to both the press and public.

Anyone desiring a copy of this preview may obtain same by sending name and address to H. M. Read, athletic publicity director.



Golf

With a couple of top-flight golfers on hand in Bill Rixey of Richmond and Beau Hughes of Danville, the Athletic Department is giving serious thought to fielding a team in the sport next spring.

Although Hampden-Sydney has been without a golf team since 1948, interest has risen in the past two years, and with Longwood Golf Club nearby and Dr. Francis Ghigo still available as coach, the possibilities of a golf team are good.

Lynchburg Student Wins Tennis Award

The McIlwaine Thompson Tennis Trophy has been awarded to John Richards of Lynchburg. Richards, a sophomore, was Hampden-Sydney's number one net man during the past season. Presentation of the award was made in the final convocation of the session.

The award is given annually by Mrs. McIlwaine Thompson in memory of her husband, Dr. McIlwaine Thompson, who was pastor of College Church for several years. The trophy goes to the winner of the annual spring tennis tournament.



Frazer Sets Five New Marks

The talk of the campus this spring, and of state track circles for that matter, was Jim Frazer of Richmond, who has just completed his first year at Hampden-Sydney. Not only was he the high man in points scored during the track season at Death Valley, but also set five new records as the Bengals won 4, lost 1, and placed second in two conference meets.

Frazer, who is twenty years old, employed his 215 pounds, which are well distributed over a 6' 4" frame, to run up Tiger scoring all season with his performances in the shot putt and discus throw.

While in the process of going undefeated in collegiate competition, Frazer was successful in breaking Hampden-Sydney's shot record of 46 feet 3 inches set in 1938 by Charles Finne. Frazer's record throw was 48 feet 7 inches. Frazer's other records came in Mason-Dixon and Little Seven meet competition when he set new marks in both the shot and the discus. He also came within nine and one-half inches of putting up a new school mark in the discus. The current record of 143 feet 10 inches is held by Willard Craft.

Coach Bob Thalman feels that Frazer's possibilities in the two events are unlimited, and with three years left in track eligibility, he should make quite a name for himself as well as boost track interest at Death Valley.



Tester Signs Contract

Dean Tester, who co-captained the Tiger diamond aggregation this spring, has signed a professional contract to play baseball with Pulaski, Virginia, his hometown. The Pulaski club, of the Appalachian League, is a member of the Philadelphia Phillies farm club system.

Tester, who is twenty-one years old, played third base for the Bengals this spring, and turned in .346 and .946 on offense and defense respectively.

Tester was also a member of the varsity football team for four years, and as quarterback last season did a great deal toward copping the Bengal's first Mason-Dixon conference crown.

Tester plans to enter Medical College of Virginia next fall.

Monogram Awards

During the final convocation of the session, Athletic Director Jim Hickey awarded monograms to those participating in spring sports. Those being honored for the second time in the same sport were given sweaters in addition to the monograms.

Receiving monograms for their efforts were:

Track: Jim Frazer, Mickey Moore, Bill French, Jim Overby, Jim Wiley, Bill Pauley, Bob Gold, Bill LeHew, Frank Moore, George Grinnan, Tommy Lee, Chuck Mottley, Willie Kolmer, Bates Kellinger, Doug Bryant, Bud Brownson, Bill Trapnell, Joe Rushbrooke, and Sonny Loud.

Tennis: Benny Vincent, Jimmy Slaydon, Mickey Hoke, John Richards, Ernie Thompson, and Carroll Melton.

Baseball: Dick Annand, Bill Blair, Stokeley Fulton, Tommy Glascock, Tommy Poland, Eddie Siersema, Jimmy Smith, Dean Tester, Tom Johnson, Ronnie Belton, Bob Curtis, Bernie Marlow, John Oliver, Billy Snead, Ford Zehner, Frank Nanney, and Jess Griffin.

Hickey also presented George Williams with a monogram and sweater in recognition of the fine work he did as Intramural Manager.



Kappa Sigma Takes I-M Crown

Kappa Sigma fraternity, finishing in either first or second place in seven of the ten sports on the intramural program, ran up a total of 1,317 points to edge out the Chi Phi's by some eighteen points for first place in the intramural race.

Headed by George Williams, who did a fine job as I-M manager, the program consisted of football, two leagues in basketball, softball, ping-pong, volleyball, horseshoes, golf, track, and tennis.

Winners of the various sports were as follows: football, Kappa Sigma; ping-pong, Chi Phi; volleyball, Kappa Sigma; "A" league basketball, Chi Phi; "B" league basketball, Kappa Sigma; horseshoes, Chi Phi; golf, Chi Phi; track, Chi Phi; softball, Kappa Sigma; and tennis, Kappa Alpha.

Trophies will be awarded next fall to the winners of the football, basketball, and softball championships, and Kappa Sigma will be awarded the Intramural Championship Trophy.

The final standings:

1. Kappa Sigma.....1317
2. Chi Phi.....1299
3. Kappa Alpha.....1167
4. Pi Kappa Alpha.....1154
5. Sigma Chi.....1105
6. Lambda Chi.....1041
7. Theta Chi.....819
8. Independents.....765

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Alumni Meeting—11:00 a. m.

Complimentary Luncheon—12:00 m.

Football Game with Emory & Henry—2:00 p. m.

